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1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS	1 I N D E X
2 IN RE: )	2 WITNESS: PAGE:
3 HIGHLAND CAPITAL )	3 THOMAS ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6)
4 MANAGEMENT, L.P.	4 EXAMINATION BY:
5 UBS SECURITIES, LLC ) and UBS AG LONDON )	5 Mr. Burt 10, 311
6 BRANCH,	6 Mr. Weldon 307
7 Plaintiff, )	7 EXHIBITS
8 vs. ) Case No. 19-34054-SGJ11	(Retained by Latham) 8 Exhibit 112 Subpoena to Testify at 13
9 HIGHLAND CAPITAL ) Chapter 11	a Deposition in a Bankruptcy 9 Case (or Adversary Proceeding)
MANAGEMENT, L.P., ) 10 )Adv. Proc. No. 21-03020-SGJ	10 Exhibit 113 Subpoena ad Testificandum 13
Defendant. )	11 Exhibit 114 Letter 22
12 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF	Re: Sentinel Reinsurance, 12 Ltd. ("Sentinel"; License
THOMAS ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6)	#642423) Request for Approval  - Change in Ownership
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 14 9:06 a.m.	(CIMA Follow Up Questions) 14 DISCSEN0000097 -
15	DISCSEN0000139
	Exhibit 115 E-mail 26
16	16 Subject: FW: Sentinel Re, Ltd CIMA requests
17	17 DISCSEN0008408 - DISCSEN0008410
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19 Job No. 442674	19 Subject: RE: Sentinel CIMA exam
20 Pages: 1 - 315	20 BC SEN000076061 - BC SEN000076080
21 Reported by: Stephanie A. Battaglia, CSR, RMR, CRR	21 Exhibit 117 Management and Administrative 51
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UBS SECURITIES LLC and )	2 Exhibit 118 E-mail 73 Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW:
3 UBS AG, LONDON BRANCH, )	3 WinSure Yield Stack 2019 Quota Share Reinsurance
4 Plaintiffs, )	4 BC SEN0000727319 - BC SEN0000727328
5 vs. ) Index No.: ) 650097/2009	5 Exhibit 119 E-mail 79
6 ) HIGHLAND CAPITAL )	6 Subject: Fwd: London UBSPROD460936 -
7 MANAGEMENT, L.P., HIGHLAND ) CDO OPPORTUNITY MASTER )	7 UBSPR0D460948
8 FUND, L.P., HIGHLAND ) SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES )	8 Exhibit 120 E-mail 89 Subject: FW:
9 HOLDING COMPANY, HIGHLAND ) FINANCIAL PARTNERS, L.P., )	9 Ellington - Request Reimbursement BC SEN0000663342 -
10 HIGHLAND CREDIT STRATEGIES )	10 BC SEN0000663344
MASTER FUND, L.P., HIGHLAND) 11 CRUSADER OFFSHORE PARTNERS,) L.P., HIGHLAND CREDIT )	11 Exhibit 121 Letter 95 KL_000029 -
12 OPPORTUNITIES CDO, L.P., ) and STRAND ADVISORS, INC., )	12 KL_000039
13 Defendants.	13 Exhibit 122 E-mail 105 Subject: RE:
14	14 Expense Reimbursement
15	BC SEN0000662367 - 15 BC SEN0000662368
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17 Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Sassicaia Bolgheri 17 (No Bates Numbers)
9:06 a.m.	18 Exhibit 124 E-mail 114
19	Subject: Re: 19 Sentinel Expenses for Approval
20	BC SEN000074288 - 20 BC SEN000074289
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22	Subject: UBS - Privileged 22 Legal Liability
23	Insurance Policy 23 (No Bates Numbers)
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	Subject: FW: Sentinel Reinsurance -		planning to also resign 9 from Sentinel's board BC SEN0000108912
)	ATE policy BC SEN0000662979 -		10
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3 4	Sentinel year-end actuarial analysis BC SEN000005065 -		13
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	(Cont'd.):	204	1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 1
	Exhibit 134 E-mail Subject: RE: Time to	204	2 in the video deposition of Thomas Adamczak.
	Schedule a Meeting for Sentinel Re to have an		Today's date is April 12, 2022. The exact
	"acquaintance" meeting Wednesday afternoon June 23		4 time on the video monitor is 9:06.
	Exhibit 135 E-mail Subject: RE: Sentinel -	217	5 Would the court reporter please swear in
	12/31 VRC Valuation Source Docs		6 the witness.
	BC SEN0000120230		7 (Witness sworn.)
	Exhibit 136 Excel Worksheet BC SEN0000064513	221	8 MR. BURT: Should we make appearances for
)	Exhibit 137 E-mail	225	9 record?
ı	Subject: RE: Sentinel BC SEN000707455 -		On behalf of UBS Jason Burt along with
2	BE SEN0000707459  Exhibit 138 Policy with	237	11 Katie George, and we have a number of colleagues
3	Exhibit 138 Policy with  Endorsement 1 and 2  MD 000010 - MD 000028	231	12 over Zoom, Danielle McCall, Shannon McLaughlin,
4	Exhibit 139 E-mail	248	13 and Andy Clubok may join at points today.
5	Subject: Re: ATE Related Invoice	= :=	MR. WELDON: Chris Weldon as counsel for
5	BC SEN0000641688 - BC SEN0000641689		15 Beecher and Brown & Brown and for the witness
	Exhibit 140 E-mail	262	16 30(b)(6) designee Thomas Adamczak.
3	Subject: RE: Sentinel BC SEN0000585041		17 MR. BURT: And I am not sure if
	Exhibit 141 E-mail	267	18 Mr. Feinstein is able to if we figured out the
)	Subject: RE: Sentinel ATE endorsement #2		19 Zoom, but Robert Feinstein is also here on behalf
)	BC SEN0000723353 - BC SEN0000723354		20 of the debtor and the trustee.
	Exhibit 142 E-mail Subject: Re: Sentinel	271	
3 4	Reinsurance Invoice Approval BC SEN0000667053 -		21 MR. FEINSTEIN: Yes, I figured out the
	BC SEN0000667054		22 Zoom.
5			Just for my purposes I see the witness
5			
5			24 although the name on the box is not him, I assume 25 the court reporter, but the gentleman in the gray

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1 shirt is the witness and I see Daniella, Katie and	1 they would if you were testifying in court?	
2 Shannon, an 802 number, there is no picture	2 A Yes.	
3 associated with that, who all is on that number	3 Q From time to time I may ask a question	
4 and where is that coming from?	4 today that you might not understand. If that's	
5 MS. GEORGE: Rob, that just the phone, we	5 the case please just ask me to rephrase or tell me	
6 had to do the phone and the Zoom computer	6 you don't understand and I will do my best to do	
7 different. The computer looking at the witness	7 that. If you do answer I will assume that you	
8 does not have the audio, this phone number does	8 understood my question. Is that fair?	
9 instead. It is just a conference line in the room	9 A That's fair.	
10 with us.	10 Q If you need a break at any point during	
11 MR. FEINSTEIN: Okay.	11 the deposition that's perfectly fine, just let us	
12 And then who is doing the examination?	12 know. I just ask that you answer the question	
13 MR. BURT: Rob, I am doing it. This is	13 that has been asked before we take that break, is	
14 Jason.	14 that fair?	
15 MR. FEINSTEIN: And you are not on the	15 A Okay.	
16 screen anywhere? Unless you are just on the	16 Q Your attorney may object to some of the	
17 phone?	17 questions that I pose today. Unless your attorney	
18 MR. BURT: No, I am here in person, only	18 instructs you not to answer do you understand that	
19 the witness is on the zoom screen.	19 you are still obligated to answer the question?	
20 MR. FEINSTEIN: You are in the room with	20 A Yes.	
21 the witness.	21 Q Is there any reason, Mr. Adamczak, why you	
22 MR. BURT: I am.	22 can't be able to answer my questions fully and	
23 MR. FEINSTEIN: Got it, okay, thank you.	23 truthfully today?	
24	24 A No.	
25	25 Q Throughout this deposition I am going to	
10	12	!
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13 1 MR. WELDON: Federal being 112, New York	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 being 113?	2 Q So you understand you are designated to
3 MR. BURT: No. They will both just be	3 testify on these topics in both proceedings?
4 112. Excuse me, the same number for both cases,	4 A Correct.
5 it's just continuous in the adversary proceeding	5 Q Perfect.
6 and we won't mess with different exhibit labels.	6 Mr. Adamczak, when did you begin working
7 MR. WELDON: So Exhibit 112 are both	7 for Beecher Carlson?
8 subpoenas?	8 A In 2014.
9 MR. BURT: Correct.	9 Q And when did you begin working on Sentinel
Exhibit 112 is the subpoena in the	10 matters?
11 adversary proceeding, Exhibit 113 is the exhibit	11 A Probably shortly after I started with
12 is the subpoena in the New York proceeding.	12 Beecher.
13 MR. WELDON: That's what I said, okay.	13 Q How did it come to be that you began
14 MR. BURT: Sorry, I got confused.	14 working on the Sentinel matters?
15 MR. WELDON: No problem.	15 A The person that I had replaced had
16 (Document marked Walther Exhibit 112 for	16 previously done work with Sentinel and it was my
17 identification.)	17 designated client to work with.
18 (Document marked Walther Exhibit 113 for	18 Q Who did you replace?
19 identification.)	19 A John, I don't remember his last name.
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 Q And so Sentinel is one of
21 Q Mr. Adamczak, referring to Exhibit 112 do	21 Beecher Carlson's clients, correct?
22 you recognize this as the subpoena issued in the	22 A It is.
23 bankruptcy proceeding?	23 Q How long has Sentinel been a Beecher
24 A I do.	24 client?
25 Q And have you seen this document before?	25 A Since its inception.
14	16
1 A I have.	1 Q And when you say that Sentinel is a
2 Q And have you had a chance to review the	2 Beecher client, what precisely do you mean by
3 topics listed in Attachment A?	3 that?
4 A I have.	4 A Sentinel has an agreement with
5 Q And you understand that you have been	5 Beecher Carlson to provide captive management
6 designated to testify about these topics that are	6 services consisting of financial statements,
7 listed in Attachment A, correct?	7 preparation, coordination of board meetings,
8 A I have.	8 corresponding with the regulators.
9 Q Referring to Exhibit 113, do you see it is	9 Q Anything else that's involved in being a
10 a subpoena to testify in the New York proceeding	10 captive insurance manager?
11 UBS versus Highland Capital Management and a	11 A Interacting with the various service
12 number of other parties, is that right?	12 providers that Sentinel would engage for audit,
13 A Yes.	13 actuarial, whatever.
14 Q And also listed in this subpoena in	14 Q Do you know how it came to be that Beecher
15 Attachment A is a number of topics. Have you had	15 was hired to be Sentinel's captive insurance
16 a chance to review those topics?	16 manager?
17 A I am seeing this for the first time now.	17 A I believe Beecher had helped set up the
18 Q And I will represent to you they are the	18 captive initially.
19 same topics that are listed	19 Q On whose request?
20 A I was going to ask.	20 A Someone from Highland; whoever would have
21 Q in the other subpoena.	21 contacted Beecher Carlson to perform the work.
MR. WELDON: We may have just sent him the	22 Q When you say Highland, who are you
23 attachment to it, but he's designated for both.	23 referring to?
24 MR. BURT: Perfect.	24 A Highland Capital Management.
25	25 Q Do you know who works or who worked at

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- A I believe it was J.P. Sevilla. There were
- 3 a number of other employees as well that we worked
- 4 with, but he was I believe the one who had done
- 5 the initial work with Beecher in setting it up.
- Q Who else do you recall worked at that time
- for Highland Capital Management?
- A Katie Irving.
- O Anyone else?
- 10 A At that time that it was set up that's all
- 11 that I am aware of.
- Q And over time did you correspond with
- 13 others at Highland Capital Management?
- A Yes.
- Q Who did you correspond with? 15
- 16 A Matt DiOrio.
- Q Did you understand him to work for
- 18 Highland Capital Management?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Anyone else?
- A Isaac Leventon, but it was primarily
- 22 through Matt DiOrio that we worked with him and on
- 23 a very limited basis.
- Q Anyone else at Highland Capital Management
- 25 that you've worked with over the years?

- Q So on the one hand you have the sponsoring
- organization and on the other you have the
- insurance management which in this case was
- Beecher?
- 5 A Correct.
- Q How does the sponsoring organization or
- 7 Highland Capital work with the insurance manager
- 8 in Beecher, how did that happen?
- A So the captive managers like
- 10 Beecher Carlson are specialized in setting up and
- 11 helping to manage the captives. We have all the
- 12 contacts, we being Beecher Carlson, has all the
- 13 contacts with regulators and the various service
- 14 providers, whether they are actuaries, attorneys,
- 15 claims handlers, investment bankers.
- Q And what does the sponsoring business do?
- A They have the understanding of the risks 17
- 18 that are being insured within the captive.
- Q This might be an overbroad question, but
- 20 let me ask it first.
- 21 Who makes the substantive decisions for
- 22 the captive insurance company?
- 23 MR. WELDON: Objection.
- 24 Go ahead, you can answer.
- 25 THE WITNESS: The directors.

#### A Those are the only ones that come to mind.

- Q How about Stephanie Vitiello, does that
- 3 ring a bell?
- A I think I have seen the name. I
- 5 understand that she had attended a meeting down in
- 6 the Cayman with a few other folks from Highland
- 7 Capital on behalf of Sentinel, but we have had no
- 8 interaction with her other than her awareness of
- 9 that meeting.
- 10 Q I want to ask a question about something
- 11 you just said, that they attended a meeting from
- 12 Highland Capital on behalf of Sentinel. Was it
- 13 common that employees of Highland Capital would do
- 14 things on behalf of Sentinel?
- A Well, a captive insurance company does not
- 16 generally have any employees, so all of the
- 17 employees are typically from a sponsoring
- 18 organization. In this case it was Highland
- 19 Capital that was that sponsoring organization.
- 20 Q And what exactly does sponsoring
- 21 organization mean?
- 22 A They provide the direction, ideas for
- 23 insurance coverage, pretty much the concept for
- 24 the captive and why it came to be in the first
- 25 place.

1 BY MR. BURT:

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- Q The directors of the insurance?
- A Of the insurance company.
- 4 Q Who appoints the directors?
- A That's generally another director who
- might be on the board or a parent organization.
- Q With respect to Sentinel do you know who
- was making the decisions for Sentinel?
- A For his time that he was there Matt DiOrio

#### 10 was.

- Q When you say the time that he was there,
- 12 what do you mean when he was where, at Highland
- 13 Capital Management?
- 14 A Right, when he was -- when he had joined
- 15 Highland Capital he was appointed on the Sentinel
- 16 board and was our main contact at that point
- 17 forward.
- Q Do you know if he was making decisions on
- 19 his own?
- 20 A I do not.
- 21 Q We will come back to some of those topics.
- We listed a few names, people who worked
- 23 at Highland Capital Management. Let me throw out
- 24 another name and let me know if you recognize it.
- 25 Scott Ellington.

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1 A I do.	1 A Sure.
2 Q Who do you understand Mr. Ellington to be?	2 Q Looking at Exhibit 114, do you see that
3 A I understand that Scott Ellington was an	3 this is a letter from Beecher Carlson Cayman
4 attorney with Highland Capital and also one of the	4 limited dated November 17, 2015, correct?
5 ultimate beneficial owners of Sentinel.	5 A Correct.
6 Q What does ultimate beneficial owner mean?	6 Q And it is signed by a Peter A. Kranz who
7 A They would be the individuals that	7 you list as the managing director of that Beecher
8 ultimately owned Sentinel.	8 entity, correct?
9 Q Was there another ultimate beneficial	9 A Correct.
10 owner of Sentinel?	10 Q What was Mr. Kranz's role?
11 A There was.	11 A He is was the primary person that was
12 Q Who was that?	12 performing captive management duties with respect
13 A Jim Dondero.	13 to Sentinel.
14 Q Does he also go by James Dondero?	14 Q Is he located in the Caymans?
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17 Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero with were the	17 A He is located in Vermont.
18 ultimate beneficial owners of Sentinel?	18 Q In Vermont, okay.
19 A Correct.	19 I meant to ask earlier, does Beecher
20 Q How did you know that?	20 Carlson is it still the captive insurance
21 A We have been provided with organizational	21 manager for Sentinel?
22 charts from Highland Capital and were informed	22 A It is.
23 that the two UBOs that sat at the top were	23 Q And are you still working on that account?
24 Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington.	24 A I am.
25 Q Who provided you those documents of	25 Q Drawing your attention to the second page
22	24
1 Highland Capital?	1 of this letter, No. 7, it states that the
2 A My recollection is Matt DiOrio and	2 executive the executed representation from the
3 J.P. Sevilla.	3 directors of Sentinel confirming that Messrs James
4 Q What is the role of an ultimate beneficial	4 Dondero and Scott Ellington will remain as the
5 owner?	5 majority beneficial owners of Sentinel and that
6 A The ultimate person who would call the	6 both individuals will have the ultimate
7 shots for the captive.	7 responsibility of meeting capital and solvency
8 Q Because they own it?	8 requirements under the proposed new structure, is
9 A Correct.	9 that what it says there?
10 Q I would like to show you our next exhibit,	10 A That is correct.
11 Tab 3, we will mark this as Exhibit 114. It looks	11 Q That was Beecher's understanding in 2015?
12 big but we are only going to look at a couple of	12 A Correct.
13 pages.	13 Q Has that been the case throughout
14 MR. WELDON: 114?	14 Sentinel's existence that Beecher has been
15 MR. BURT: 114.	15 servicing Sentinel that Messrs Dondero and
16 (Document marked Exhibit 114 for	16 Ellington are the ultimate beneficial owners?
17 identification.)	17 A That is true.
18 BY MR. BURT:	18 Q And it is still true to this day?
19 Q Mr. Adamczak, for ease I am just going to	19 A That is correct.
20 refer you to the letter that's the first and	20 Q And is it true that both have always had
21 second page, and then actually the very last page	21 the responsibility of meeting capital and solvency
22 of the exhibit. Feel free to flip through it, but	22 requirements for Sentinel?
23 those are the two pages that I have questions	23 A That is correct.
24 about.	24 Q And that is true to this day as well?
25 Are you ready, Mr. Adamczak?	25 A That is correct.
25 Inc you ready, wir. I additiozak:	20 11 That is correct.

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1 Q You stated a moment ago that the ultimate	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 the role of an ultimate beneficial owner is	2 Q So, Mr. Adamczak, I am showing you what's
3 that they are the person who ultimately calls the	3 been marked as Exhibit 115 an e-mail, it's an
4 shots for the captive. Is that true with respect	4 organizational chart attachment. Go ahead and
5 to Mr. Dondero and Ellington and Sentinel, that	5 take a look at that and let me know when you are
6 they are the ones ultimately calling the shots for	6 ready.
7 Sentinel?	7 A Okay.
8 MR. WELDON: Objection.	8 Q So you see the top e-mail is a June, 2019
9 BY MR. BURT:	9 e-mail from Clayton price who you mentioned a
10 Q You can answer.	10 moment ago to a Leonna Saintvil at CIMA, is that
11 MR. WELDON: You may answer.	11 right?
12 THE WITNESS: To the best of our knowledge	12 A Correct.
13 that is correct.	13 Q I am probably mispronouncing the name
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 there, and it's regarding Sentinel Re CIMA
15 Q With Mr. Kranz did he report to you or did	15 requests, do you see that?
16 you report to him or work together with the	16 A I do.
17 Sentinel account?	17 Q What was going on in the June-July, 2019
18 A I reported to Mr. Kranz	18 timeframe with respect to CIMA and Sentinel?
19 Q Is that that true to this day?	19 A CIMA had performed its periodic inspection
20 A He has moved up to a different level, but	20 of Sentinel and this was in response to a few
21 in an indirect way, yes, that's still true.	21 questions they had on that inspection.
22 Q Do you report to somebody else more	22 Q And looking at the first e-mail, which is
23 directly for the Sentinel account?	23 from CIMA to Clayton price, I see you are cc'd on
24 A For the Sentinel account we have a	24 this, Question No. II is as follows, "Is USP1 and
25 Clayton Price down in Cayman. We actually opened	25 USP2 individuals, if so please amend the
26	28
1 the Cayman office and have staff on hand in Cayman	1 organizational chart." Do you see that?
2 and Clayton Price is in the Cayman and he is I	2 A I do.
3 guess our main Cayman contact.	3 Q And then in response in the front e-mail
4 Q Within Beecher Carlson though you were the	4 from Mr. Price, No. 2 says, "USP1 and USP2 are
5 manager of the Sentinel account, is that right?	5 individuals, U.S. Person 1 and U.S. Person 2, who
6 MR. WELDON: Objection.	6 are known to CIMA. As referenced in my e-mail
7 You can answer.	7 with the org chart USP1 is Scott Ellington while
8 THE WITNESS: The Beecher Carlson Cayman	8 USP2 is James Dondero. The org chart has been
9 entity for which Beecher Carlson Insurance	9 revised to include their names." Do you see where
10 Services was contracted to provide services for	10 I was reading?
11 was the manager.	11 A I do.
12 (Document marked Exhibit 115 for	12 Q Is the org chart that was attached here is
identification.)	13 that the org chart that was presented to CIMA at
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 that time?
15 Q I would like to show you Tab 4, we will	15 A That is.
16 mark it as Exhibit 115. I apologize, these aren't	16 Q In looking at this org chart you see at
17 stapled.	17 the bottom where the branches come together the
18 MR. WELDON: Can you grab a stapler?	18 first entity underneath that is Sentinel
MR. BURT: Go off the record while he is	19 Reinsurance Limited, is that right?
20 grabbing it.	20 A That is correct.
21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the	21 Q Underneath that is SS Holdings, Limited.
22 record, the time is 9:31.	22 Do you know what SS Holdings Limited was?
23 (Recess taken.)	23 A SS Holdings Limited was a subsidiary of
24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the	24 Sentinel Reinsurance.
25 record, the time is 9:33.	25 Q What function did it have?
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1 A To hold the investment in SeaOne.	1 of investees other than Sentinel.
	2 Q Do you know if those investees involve
<ul><li>Q And what was SeaOne?</li><li>A SeaOne is a limited partnership startup</li></ul>	3 Mr. Dondero or Mr. Ellington?
4 company that was contributed to Sentinel back in	4 A I do not.
5 2014, I believe.	5 Q Or trusts or other organizations that they
6 Q And who contributed it to Sentinel?	6 own or control?
7 A James Dondero.	7 A I do not, no.
8 Q Who runs SeaOne?	8 Q So looking again at the org chart when you
9 A I do not know.	9 have above Sentinel you have a split to the
10 Q Do you know if Mr. Dondero strike that.	10 right and a split to the left. And the first
How was Mr. Dondero affiliated with SeaOne	11 entity on the right that has 70% value and 91%
12 if you know?	12 vote is Mainspring Limited, do you see that?
13 MR. WELDON: Objection.	13 A I do.
14 THE WITNESS: I do not know how he is	14 Q What do you understand Mainspring Limited
15 affiliated with SeaOne.	15 to be?
16 BY MR. BURT:	16 A A parent entity for Sentinel Reinsurance.
17 Q Do you know why he transferred the SeaOne	17 Q And is it correct that Mr. Dondero
18 interest to Sentinel?	18 ultimately owns Mainspring?
19 A As a capital contribution to increase the	19 A That is correct.
20 capital in Sentinel.	20 Q Is he the only owner of Mainspring?
21 Q What form did that capital take, the	21 A I do not know that.
22 SeaOne interest, was it shares of shown ownership,	22 Q As you follow up the org chart up to
23 was it cash?	23 Mr. Dondero the 70% value that went to Mainspring
24 A Shares of ownership.	24 95% of that value ultimately ends up with
25 Q How did the shares of ownership increase	25 Mr. Dondero, correct?
30	32
1 Sentinel's balance sheet or capital?	1 A According to the org chart, correct.
2 A We understood that the cost basis of the	2 Q Do you have an understanding to the
3 SeaOne ownership was \$7 million so the \$7 million	3 contrary?
4 flowed down into Sentinel and increased its	4 A I do not.
5 capital base by 7 million.	5 Q And then 9% of the vote goes to
6 Q Is SeaOne does Sentinel still own that	6 Mr. Dondero and then 91% of the vote is split off
7 SeaOne interest?	7 into Kind Holdings, Limited, do you see that?
8 A Sentinel does.	8 A I do.
9 Q Do you know what the value of it is today?	9 Q What is Kind Holdings?
10 A The latest valuation that was performed it	10 A An entity in the structure.
11 was upwards of 40 to 45 million, I believe.	11 We really did not have any knowledge other
<ul><li>12 Q Who performed that valuation?</li><li>13 A Valuation Research CORP.</li></ul>	12 than what was presented in the org chart as far as
	13 any of the entities above Sentinel.
14 Q And they are referred to sometimes in the 15 documents as VRC?	14 Q Was that something that Highland was
16 A Correct.	15 managing?  16 A Correct.
<ul><li>17 Q When was that valuation?</li><li>18 A 2020.</li></ul>	17 Q And was it Mr. DiOrio who most often 18 communicated to you about those issues?
<ul><li>19 Q Do you know if Sentinel wholly owns SeaOne</li><li>20 or are there other owners of SeaOne?</li></ul>	19 A Anything pertaining to the entities within 20 the Sentinel structure or the SAS structure as we
21 A There are several other owners.	21 would refer to it would either be communicated by
22 Q Do you know who they are?	22 Matt DiOrio, JP Sevilla, or Katie Irving.
23 A I do not. I have seen a document with all	23 Q Got it.
24 of the listed shareholders, various individuals,	24 Looking to the left branch above Sentinel
25 trusts, whatever. There is a significant number	25 it states 30% of value and 9% of vote goes to
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1 Montage Holdings, Limited do you see that on the	1 A There were a few entities that CIMA
2 chart?	2 identified as not really adding any value to the
3 A I do.	3 organization and they felt those entities confused
4 Q Is Montage Holdings Limited owned by	4 the purpose and the structure and they had
5 Mr. Ellington?	5 requested that those entities be removed,
6 A According to the org chart.	6 simplified.
7 Q And you don't have an understanding	7 Q Did they send that request to Beecher?
8 differently?	8 A It was included within the inspection
9 A I do not.	9 report.
10 Q And then 99% of that value that went to	10 Q We will come to that in a few minutes.
11 Montage ultimately flows up to Mr. Ellington	And in response to that there was a
12 according to the chart, correct?	12 simplification of the
13 A Correct.	13 A That is correct.
14 Q In the middle, for the it looks like	14 Q the ownership structure.
15 approximately 1.5% of value that does not go to	Who carried out that reorganization?
16 Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington it looks like it	16 A The Sentinel directors and the folks at
17 flows ultimately to SAS Holdings/SPV Limited,	17 Highland Capital along with their attorneys.
18 correct?	18 Q But Beecher didn't have any role in that?
19 A Correct.	19 A Other than communicating with CIMA that
20 Q What do you understand that entity to be?	20 was our role.
21 A I do not have any knowledge of what that	21 Q Keep that handy, that org chart.
22 entity represents.	22 I do want to show you another exhibit. We
23 Q Do you know who owned it?	23 will mark this mark this one as 116. Fortunately
24 A I do not.	24 this one is stapled.
25 Q Do you know who controlled it?	25
34	36
1 A I do not.	1 (Document marked Exhibit 116 for
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2 Q And above that it states ITA Red Cross.	2 identification.)
<ul><li>Q And above that it states ITA Red Cross.</li><li>Do you know what that refers to?</li></ul>	2 identification.) 3 BY MR. BURT:
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23 were being provided during the inspection.

25 items that have not been uploaded on account of

24 Q And you say here, 'Clayton, here are the

23 A There was some reorganization at the

Q And do you know what that request was?

24 request of CIMA.

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1 them being unavailable." If you recall, what did	39 1 right?
2 you mean by that?	2 A Correct.
3 A Typically with the inspection is they will	3 Q Now, okay, so looking at this document its
4 send out a request list require by a certain date	4 title is Resolutions of ITA Global Trust Limited,
5 these documents are provided. These documents	5 the Trustee, of the Trust Declared Pursuant to a
6 would have been either unavailable at a time	6 Deed Dated 17 February 2015.
7 whether it was we had to obtain them from somebody	Now, to orient, that org chart that we
8 else or we were still searching for the applicable	8 were looking at in the previous exhibit at the top
9 documents that they were looking for.	9 had ITA and then Red Cross, is that right?
10 Q So as we go through some of these	10 A It does.
11 attachments I will ask you if these were ones that	11 Q Do you know if this ITA Global Trust
12 you had to obtain from Highland or that Beecher	12 Limited referred to in this exhibit refers to the
13 didn't have before then.	13 same ITA?
14 And it appears then that in early March,	14 A I do not.
15 about a month later, Mr. Price forwards these on	15 Q Okay. Are you familiar with ITA Global
16 to CIMA and then CIMA confirms receipt, is that	16 Trust Limited?
17 right?	17 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and
18 A That is correct.	18 answered.
19 Q The first and we see Alli in the top	19 You can answer it again.
20 e-mail, the last-in-time, there is four	20 THE WITNESS: I am sorry, I do not.
21 attachments listed, right?	21 BY MR. BURT:
22 A Yes.	22 Q You are not familiar?
23 Q The first one I want to look at is	23 A I am not familiar.
24 actually the third attachment, and I will point	24 Q Is today the first time you have heard of
25 you to that. There is advisory there is the	25 it?
38	40
1 board of directors minutes, so skip that for now,	1 A I have heard of it and seen this document,
2 and then there is a number of pages of bullet	2 but I do not know its significance with respect to
3 point notes from an advisory committee, so skip	3 Sentinel.
4 that. And then Attachment 3, and you will see at	4 Q This refers to an advisory board, if you
5 the bottom the number, the Bates number ends in	5 look at the whereas Clause A, 'The Trustee wishes
6 76075, do you see that?	6 to establish an advisory board to advise the
7 A Yes, I do have it.	7 Trustee to guide the decision making of the
8 Q And, actually, while we are looking at	8 decision making of the ITA trust in its role as an
9 that Bates number you see it begins with BC SEN, a	9 indirect shareholder in Sentinel Reinsurance," do
10 number of 0s, and then 76075?	10 you see that last clause?
11 A I do.	11 A I do.
12 Q And do you understand that those are	12 Q Does that refresh your recollection at all
13 documents that Beecher Carlson produced pursuant	13 about ITA?
14 to subpoena?	14 A It does not.
15 A I do.	15 Q Okay.
16 Q And documents that have the that	And then on the first page under
17 beginning with BC SEN or SEN, those were documents	17 Section 1.1.1, it states, "The advisory board
18 that Beecher had in its possession, is that right?	18 shall consist of such number of members all being
19 A Correct.	19 individuals as the Trustee determines from time to
20 Q And keeping these documents was part of	20 time and shall initially be two members, namely
21 Beecher's normal business practices?	21 Scott B. Ellington and James Dondero," do you see
22 A That was the role of the captive manager,	22 that?
23 correct.	23 A I do.
24 Q And these documents would have been kept	24 Q Were you familiar with this advisory board
25 in the ordinary course of that role, is that	25 at all?
25 m and ordinary events of that 1010, to that	

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1 A I am familiar with the existence of it.	1 Ellington were reporting to the Sentinel board	13
2 Q What do you know about it?	2 that they were having discussions about the	
3 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and	3 potential ATE policy?	
4 answered.	4 A They never attended the board meetings.	
5 You can answer it again.	5 Q Do you know if copies of these advisory	
6 THE WITNESS: Just that it existed and	6 committee discussions were provided to the board	
7 that's really all I know about it.	7 for the board to review?	
8 BY MR. BURT:	8 A I am not aware of them being provided to	
9 Q Going to the second attachment, right	9 the board for review.	
10 after the board minute meetings, the board meeting	10 Q And part of Beecher's role as the	
11 minutes, it talks about a Sentinel advisory	11 insurance manager is to maintain the books and	
12 committee discussion, do you see that?	12 records for the company, right?	
13 A I do see it.	13 A That is correct.	
14 Q Do you know what the Sentinel advisory	14 Q But these records were not provided to	
15 committee was?	15 Beecher at the time that they were actually	
16 A My recollection is these were internal	16 created?	
17 discussions had by Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero	17 A That is correct.	
18 regarding the Sentinel structure.	MR. WELDON: You are talking about, just	
19 Q Did they call themselves the Sentinel	19 so we are clear, the Sentinel Advisory Committee	
20 Advisory Committee?	20 discussions?	
21 A I am not aware.	21 MR. BURT: Correct, yes.	
22 Q You are aware that they were the ones who	22 BY MR. BURT:	
23 were having these discussions?	23 Q Do you know if the ITA Global Trust	
24 A That is correct.	24 resolution was provided to Beecher prior to	
25 Q And you see that Scott Ellington signs	25 February, 2019 or was that only later as well?	
42		14
1 this as the recording member, is that right?	1 A I don't recall having seen it prior to	
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2 A I do see that.	2 when it was provided to CIMA.	
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<ul> <li>21 ATE policy close or come into effect?</li> <li>22 A I believe the ATE policy incepted in</li> <li>23 August of 2017.</li> <li>24 Q And then they discussed the settlement of</li> <li>25 the transferred investment portfolio.</li> </ul>	21 discussions between Pete Kranz and J.P. Sevilla to 22 discuss insurance coverages to put in to the 23 captive, and ATE was one concept that J.P. had 24 brought to the discussion. 25 The specific event that was ultimately
1 Again, that information that they were 2 discussing, that investment portfolio, that was 3 not conveyed to Beecher at the time, correct? 4 MR. WELDON: Objection. 5 You can answer. 6 THE WITNESS: So this time period here, 7 November of 2017, would have been after the ATE 8 policy had incepted and after the transfer of the 9 assets to Sentinel, so we were aware of the 10 portfolio as we were attempting to try and value 11 everything that was received. 12 BY MR. BURT:	1 insured in the captive I believe it was in early 2 2017 that they were J.P. and Pete were 3 discussing it and started looking at moving it 4 forward and drafting the policy. 5 Q Were you involved in those discussions? 6 A I was not involved directly into 7 discussions, but I was provided with information 8 subsequently. 9 Q When did you get involved with that 10 particular ATE policy that was actually 11 A For me it was primarily once the 12 accounting needed to be addressed.
13 Q Right. 14 And my question was that Beecher wasn't 15 aware that Mr. Dondero and Ellington as part of 16 this Sentinel Advisory Committee were having these 17 discussions.  18 A At no point until we 19 MR. WELDON: Hold on, objection. 20 You can answer, go ahead. 21 THE WITNESS: At no point until we 22 received these summaries did we know of the 23 existence of these internal discussions. 24 BY MR. BURT: 25 Q We are going to talk about the asset	13 Q When was that?  14 A Mid 2017.  15 Q The discussions that Mr. Kranz had with 16 J.P. in early 2017, what did those involve?  17 MR. WELDON: Objection, it misstates his 18 earlier testimony. 19 BY MR. BURT: 20 Q You can answer, and if I did it was 21 unintentional. 22 The discussions that Mr. Sevilla and 23 Mr. Kranz were having, I believe you said in early 24 2017, they began discussing the particular ATE 25 policy that was ultimately issued.

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1 A That's correct.	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 Q Do you know what they were discussing	2 Q So I am going to show you another exhibit,
3 precisely?	3 Mr. Adamczak, we are going to come back to the ATE
4 A They would have discussed limits, premium,	4 policy in just a moment.
5 the nature of how the premium would be paid,	5 You mentioned the management agreement
6 policy language.	6 between Beecher and Sentinel, I just would like to
7 Q Who the insureds would be?	7 take a quick look at that. We will mark this as
8 A Who the insureds would be, the specific	8 117.
9 event that was being covered.	9 (Document marked Exhibit 117 for
10 Q And what was the event that was being	10 identification.)
11 covered?	11 BY MR. BURT:
12 A It was the UBS litigation matter.	12 Q Showing you, Mr. Adamczak, what has been
13 Q And at that time what was Beecher's	13 Bates labeled BC SEN000361175, go ahead and take a
14 understanding of who was involved in that UBS	14 look at that and let me know when you are ready.
15 litigation, who was UBS suing, in other words,	15 A I am ready.
16 what was Beecher's knowledge?	16 Q Great.
17 A Highland Capital and the particular funds.	So what do you understand this document to
18 Q What did Beecher understand at that time	18 be?
19 about who controlled and owned those funds?	19 A This is the agreement between Beecher
20 A Beecher's understanding was that the funds	20 Carlson Cayman and Sentinel to provide captive
21 were controlled by Highland Capital Management.	21 management services.
22 Q Do you know which funds in particular were	22 Q And this is the agreement that governed
23 at issue?	23 the relationship between Beecher and Sentinel, is
24 A The funds that I don't know off the top	24 that right?
25 of my head, but it's the funds that are the	25 A That is correct.
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1 insureds.	1 Q And continues to do so to this day?
2 Q In the policy?	2 A Correct.
3 A In the policy.	3 Q And the effective date of this agreement
4 Q Got it, okay. We will come to that in a	4 is October 1, 2013, right?
5 moment.	5 A That is correct.
6 Actually, let's I do want to show him	6 Q Which is just before you began at Beecher?
7 the policy.	7 A Correct.
8 MR. BURT: Do you need a break, you good?	8 Q Flipping to the signature page, Page 4, do
9 THE WITNESS: I am good for now.	9 you know who signed on behalf of Beecher Carlson?
10 MR. BURT: Usually we take a break about	10 A Jason Flexbeard.
11 every hour, but we can keep going for a few	11 Q Who is he?
12 minutes.	12 A Jason Flexbeard at the time was the leader
13 MR. WELDON: Do you want water or	13 of the captive practice at Beecher Carlson.
14 anything? I will make it easy.	14 Q Who signed on behalf of Sentinel?
15 THE WITNESS: Let's do that.	15 A Kobi Dorenbush.
MR. BURT: That's why you have an attorney	16 Q It states director, is that a Mr. or Ms.?
17 here, we will go off the record.	17 A Mr., I believe.
18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of	18 Q Is he a director of Sentinel at the time?
19 Disk No. 1 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak,	19 A He was a director of Sentinel and was with
20 the time on the video monitor is 10:00 o'clock	20 Caledonian. Caledonian was a company that had
21 10:05.	21 provided outside director services to captives or
22 (Recess taken.)	22 investment companies or whatever in the Cayman.
23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 2	23 Q Looking at Exhibit A to the agreement, do
24 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are back	24 you see the first section is the description of
25 on the record, the time is 10:18.	25 services. Is it correct, Mr. Adamczak, that this

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1 section, Section 1, describes all of the services	1 statements, profit and loss and balance sheet
2 that Beecher Carlson provides for Sentinel?	2 statements, to Beecher, is that right?
3 A It describes all of the standard services	3 A Correct.
4 that are provided under the captive management.	4 Q And is that how its actually been in
5 Q Are there any services beyond what's	5 practice, that Highland Capital requests that
6 listed here that Beecher provides?	6 financial information?
7 A No.	7 A That is correct.
8 Q So I just want to look at a couple of	8 Q And has it mostly been J.P. Sevilla and
9 these, the first, which is a little a, states	9 Matt DiOrio who requested that information?
10 "Maintain copies of such records, ledgers, and	10 A That is correct.
11 books of accounts as will constitute a complete	11 Q Has Katie Irving as well?
12 and current record of the financial condition of	12 A She was probably copied on the
13 Sentinel in accordance with establishing	13 correspondence when the financial statements were
14 accounting principles applicable to the business	14 sent out, but she wouldn't necessarily she
15 of insurance and reinsurance as directed by	15 wouldn't necessarily provide the financial
16 Sentinel's directors and officers," do you see	1
17 that?	16 direction requests.
	17 Q Those would come through Mr. Sevilla
18 A I do.	18 you say Sevilla?
19 Q And is that something that Beecher	19 A Sevilla.
20 provides?	20 Q Sevilla or Mr. DiOrio the direction?
21 A That is.	21 A Correct.
22 Q B states "Prepare comprehensive quarterly	22 Q And at times Mr. Leventon?
23 financial statements, including profit and loss	23 MR. WELDON: Objection.
24 and balance sheet statements and information with	24 THE WITNESS: No.
25 respect to Sentinel as may be required by law or	25
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1	Q Do you know if anyone at Beecher has?
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- 2 A I believe that when the captive was set up
- 3 Beecher Carlson might have had a few initial
- 4 discussions with Scott Ellington, but it was only
- 5 initially and certainly hasn't been anything since
- 6 then. Everything has gone through Matt DiOrio and
- 7 J.P. Sevilla.
- 8 Q Is that typical that ultimate beneficial
- 9 owners don't have communications with Beecher?
- 10 MR. WELDON: Objection.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I think that's probably not
- 12 out of the ordinary. There is always going to be
- 13 somebody that may have -- maybe the risk manager
- 14 or somebody that's more involved with the risk
- 15 management program than, say, the ultimate
- 16 openers, so it's not out of the ordinary that it
- 17 wouldn't be the top dogs that we are dealing with.
- 18 BY MR. BURT:
- 19 Q You have also testified that Mr. Dondero
- 20 and Ellington were calling the shots for Sentinel.
- 21 Is it ordinary that the people who are actually
- 22 calling the shots for the captive don't
- 23 communicate with Beecher directly?
- 24 MR. WELDON: Objection.
- 25 THE WITNESS: It's difficult to say

#### 1 A Mr. DiOrio would as well as the other

- 2 directors.
- O Would Mr. Sevilla attend as well?
- 4 A He had attended some of them, but
- 5 typically once Matt was involved it was just Matt
- 6 from Highland.
  - Q How about Ms. Irving, did she attend?
- 8 A I think early on, but not the later
- 9 meetings.
- 10 Q Do you know why they attended?
- 11 A It was before Matt so J.P. was our main
- 12 contact at Highland at the time.
- 13 Q But he wasn't on the Sentinel board,
- 14 right?

#### 15 A He was never on the board.

- 16 Q Is it common for the sponsoring company's
- 17 personnel to attend board meetings even if not on
- 18 the board?
- 19 A It is.
- 20 O Item F here states 'Facilitate the
- 21 investment of available funds in accordance with
- 22 written instructions from Sentinel through
- 23 Highland Capital." So did Beecher provide that
- 24 service for Sentinel?
- 25 A Yes.

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- 1 because our contact was with J.P. and Matt and
- 2 they were the ones that would provide any
- 3 direction for what we were doing.
- 4 BY MR. BURT:
- 5 Q Looking down at E, referring back to the
- 6 management agreement, E states "coordinate and
- 7 attend Sentinel's annual meeting." What does that
- 8 refer to?
- 9 A There would be a requirement in the Cayman
- 10 for the captives to have periodic meetings to
- 11 discuss governance items typically on an annual
- 12 basis. As part of our role as captive managers we
- 13 would be preparing the board books, pulling all
- 14 documentation together, coordinating with anyone
- 15 that would be presenting and scheduling the 16 meeting.
- 17 Q How often did the Sentinel board have a 18 meeting?
- 19 A Approximately once a year.
- 20 Q Would Beecher schedule those?
- 21 A Beecher would.
- 22 Q And Beecher would attend those meetings?
- 23 A That is correct.
- 24 Q And is it also correct that Mr. DiOrio as
- 25 director of Sentinel would attend?

- 1 Q And were those instructions for investing
  - 2 funds did those come from Highland Capital?
  - 3 A They did.
  - 4 Q So Highland Capital made all decisions as
  - 5 far as the investments of Sentinel assets, is that
  - 6 right?
  - 7 A That is correct.
  - 8 Q Beecher wasn't making those decisions on
  - 9 its own, correct?
  - 10 A Beecher was not.
  - 11 Q Wasn't authorized to make those decision
  - 12 the?
  - 13 A They were not. We may have been consulted
  - 14 with and discussions, we can advise the directors
  - 15 on how to or how we think that might make sense
  - 16 given their situations, but we wouldn't ultimately
  - 17 call the shots, that decision was either with the
  - 18 directors.
  - 19 Q Here it says actually that the
  - 20 instructions come from Highland Capital, not the
  - 21 directors, right?
  - 22 A So at the time there were outside
  - 23 directors that didn't have Highland's financial
  - 24 interest in mind, I guess they would have been
  - 25 focusing on Sentinel, so any direction would have

Conducted on April 12, 2022 63 1 been at the request of Highland Capital. 1 focused on liquidity on some of the investments Q Let me break that down a little bit to maybe, I don't know. make sure I understand. Q Instructions for investments never came You said the directors didn't have from those outside directors, right, for the 5 Highland's financial interest in mind, did I have Sentinel investments? A They wouldn't have initiated. They would that right? MR. WELDON: Objection, for clarification, have been brought in to discussions with the 8 Highland folks or J.P. and Matt and ultimately outside directors. made the decision at the end to invest in this MR. BURT: The outside directors, thank 10 you. 10 vehicle or that vehicle. 11 BY MR. BURT: 11 Q They being the entire board? 12 Q The outside directors didn't have A The board of directors were ultimately 13 Highland's financial interest in mind? 13 responsible for making those decisions. 14 A At the time that's correct, they weren't Q Do you know what -- if J.P. was overseeing 15 -- when the captive was originally set up I am not 15 that or directing those decisions that the board 16 sure. We can back up. 16 was making? 17 Q Let's back up and break it down. 17 A I believe so. 18 So outside directors first, by that do you 18 Q Do you know if the board ever rejected 19 mean directors who were not affiliated with 19 directions given by a Highland employee and did 20 Highland? 20 something different? 21 A That is correct. 21 A I am not aware of anything. So there was a requirement that there were Q Moving down to J in the management 23 some outside independent directors that were 23 agreement, and then there is a bunch of sub 24 involved on the board for Sentinel, and up until 24 romanettes there, I will highlight a couple, J 25 Matt DiOrio was -- had joined Highland Capital 25 states "Make withdrawals from time to time in 62 64 1 there were only outside independent directors on accordance with written authorization procedures 2 Sentinel's board and then Matt was appointed, established by Sentinel from any bank account or 3 there was another individual from Highland Capital accounts established by Sentinel in order to pay 4 that was added to the board, and so there were in a timely manner the necessary, reasonable, and proper expenses of Sentinel." And then it lists 5 four total directors, two outside independent 6 directors and two Highland Capital the expenses that are included but not limited to 7 representatives. and it lists a bunch, do you see that? Q Who was the other Highland Capital A I do. 9 director? Q Is that what Beecher does, it makes those 10 A Dilip Massand. 10 withdrawals for payments that come from Sentinel? Q When did Mr. DiOrio join the board? MR. WELDON: Objection. 11 11 A I believe it was 2018. 12 THE WITNESS: That is a typical service Q Let's go back to the outside directors, 13 that is provided, but it is going to come with 14 you said they didn't have Highland's financial 14 proper authorization from the directors. 15 interests in mind because they weren't affiliated 15 BY MR. BURT: 16 with Highland, right? 16 Q And who would provide -- who would 17 A They weren't affiliated with Highland but 17 actually provide authorization for payments to 18 they were appointed to act on behalf of Sentinel; 18 Beecher? 19 not necessarily what Highland's motives might be, 19 A The directors. 20 I guess. 20 The way that the account was set up was 21 Q Why would it matter as far as Sentinel's 21 that Beecher would initiate the transactions in 22 investments went whether the directors had 22 the system at least as far as the current bank

23 Highland's financial interests in mind?

24 A I don't know that it necessarily mattered

25 other than they might -- they might be more

23 account is Beecher would initiate the transactions

24 and the invoice and requests for processing and

25 request for approval would be sent to the

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1 directors who would give their formal approval,	1 A Correct.
2 this is the outside directors, and they would	2 Q Now post-Mr. DiOrio leaving those
3 release the payments on the system.	3 requests, the Highland requests, are coming from
4 Q Where did Beecher who provided the	4 the independent directors for Sentinel?
5 invoice in the initial request to Beecher?	5 A That is correct.
6 A The primary person to provide invoices to	6 Q You mentioned a Sentinel account and it
7 Beecher, it was Matt DiOrio, unless it was a	7 sounded like you said account in the singular, so
8 service provider that Beecher worked closely with,	8 I just want to understand that.
9 whether it was the audit firm or the actuary,	9 Did Sentinel have a single account from
10 those would come directly to Beecher and then	10 which payments were made for reimbursement or
11 Beecher would submit them to Matt, get his okay,	11 expenses?
12 and then they would go to the outside directors	12 A They have a single checking account and an
13 for their approval.	13 investment custodial account.
14 Q So ultimately the outside directors had to	14 Q Where is that checking account located?
15 sign off on any expense payment by Sentinel?	_
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	16 Q And they have a single you said investment
17 Q Did that always happen?	17 account?
18 A That is true, yes.	18 A Correct, custodial account with CIBC as
19 Q Were any invoices from DiOrio that	19 well.
20 DiOrio submitted were any not approved by the	20 Q CIBC Caymans?
21 directors? The outside directors, let me be more	21 A Yes.
22 specific.	22 Q So help me understand the difference.
23 A I don't believe there were any that	23 In the checking account there is cash, is
24 ultimately were not approved.	24 that right?
25 Q Since Mr. DiOrio is no longer with	25 A That is correct.
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1 Highland Capital, where are the requests coming	1 Q And then in the investment, the custodial
2 from now?	2 investment account, what is located there?
3 MR. WELDON: Objection.	3 A There are the investments that were
4 Clarification, you are talking about where	4 registered in Sentinel's name are custodied with
5 the invoice is coming from now?	5 that investment account.
6 MR. BURT: Right.	6 Q And we will get to this, but some of the
7 BY MR. BURT:	7 assets the assets that were transferred from
8 Q So any requests for payment for Sentinel	8 the Highland entities as part of the ATE policy,
9 to make a payment, where are those coming from? I	9 would those be in the CIBC account?
10 understand some might be coming from service	10 A Some of those are in the CIBC custody
11 providers.	11 account.
12 A Invoices that come from the service	12 Q Are there some located elsewhere?
13 providers still follow the same channel. Any	13 A Not all of the investments were
14 invoices that would originate from the Highland	14 re-registered into Sentinel's name.
15 side will now or have been since the new directors	15 Q So some never made it
16 took over since the old directors and Matt	16 A That is correct.
17 resigned are coming through to those directors and	17 Q in other words, all right.
18 then they submit them to us.	18 Has that been true throughout the time
19 Q The directors the new directors of	19 that Beecher has been managing Sentinel, that all
20 Sentinel?	20 claims for reimbursement would come out of the
21 A The current independent directors, yes.	21 single checking account?
22 Q So prior to Mr. DiOrio leaving the request	22 A With the current checking account that is
23 the Highland-related request, let's call them,	23 accurate. Prior to setting up that checking
24 those were coming from an inside director from	24 account and while Maples served as the outside
25 Mr. DiOrio?	25 directors Maples had a cash function and they
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1 would process payments on their end.	1 correct.
2 Q I want to ask about Maples, but let me ask	2 Q Do you know, were there terms of
3 one question about the investments that never made	3 reimbursements what was authorized to be
4 it.	4 reimbursed for these types of expenses, travel and
5 Do you know where those investments are	5 entertainment costs?
6 that never made it to Sentinel?	6 A As long as the directors approved it and
7 A As far as I know they are still in the	7 supported that it was in relation to Sentinel it
8 name of the insureds.	8 would be dispersed out of the account.
9 Q And do you know which ones never made it?	9 Q And we are going to talk about one of the
10 A Any that are not in the custody account.	10 we believe what one of the things that happens
11 Q Sure.	11 with the insurance policy is through the second
12 A There is a number of them. I would	12 endorsement there is a risk mitigation fee that's
13 recognize them if I saw them.	13 taken out of the policy, a \$9 million risk
14 Q Okay, all right. We will come back to	14 mitigation figure. Does that sound familiar?
15 that.	
You mentioned Maples, what is Maples?	16 Q Was that 9 million was that held in this
17 A Maples, just like Caledonian, just like a	17 checking account?
18 number of firms in the Cayman provided outside	18 A The \$9 million was carved out of the
19 independent director services to companies in the	19 premium and tracked separately.
20 Cayman. They also have a legal arm. They have a	20 As far as the specific cash dollars it
21 corporate services arm.	21 would have been commingled with any other cash
22 Q And you said during the time that Maples	22 that Sentinel had.
23 was providing directors they had a checking	23 Q And was all the cash held in the checking
24 account for Sentinel?	24 account at CIBC?
25 A They had a segregated account that they	25 A Correct.
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1 held for Sentinel that was and they were able	1 Q In terms of if something was a risk
2 to disperse payments on behalf of Sentinel	2 mitigation reimbursement or expense it would have
3 through.	3 just been coded as such in a ledger but the cash
4 Q During that time were all of the Sentinel	4 would have come from the same account
5 payments for reimbursement or expenses were they	5 A Correct.
6 coming out of the Maples account?	
	6 Q as the cash?
7 A That is correct.	6 Q as the cash? 7 A Correct.
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19 MR. BURT: Let's look at a couple of those 19 directors?	
20 while we are talking about risk mitigation. Let  20 A That's correct.	
20 while we are talking about 11sk hilligation. Let 21 me just find the right tab here. I believe it is 21 Q And then Ms. Devins responds in the top	
22 Tab 48. 118. 22 e-mail	
24 identification.) 25 24 you refer to Highland, but DiOrio was a director, 25 inside director for Sentinel. To the extent that	
1 BY MR. BURT: 1 he is receiving them, you are qualifying him, I	76
7 Q I actually want to draw your attention to 9 the left true are reliable to the second of the seco	
8 the last two e-mails in time, it is on the first  8 types of expense requests for reimbursement for	
9 page right in the middle, an e-mail from you dated 9 Mr. DiOrio did you understand them to be providing	
10 February 6, 2020, to Alli Devins. Who is  10 them in his role as an independent director as	
11 Alli Devins?  11 a director of Sentinel or his role as a Highland  12 ampleyee?	
12 A Alli Devins is an employee with Beecher 12 employee?	
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16 Q And does she work on the Sentinel account?  16 have been coming from somebody with his	
17 A She did at the time.  17 connections at Highland Capital.	
18 Q No longer?  18 Q So ultimately the requests were coming	
19 A We have since transitioned that work to 19 from Highland Capital through Mr. DiOrio to	
20 Gareth Pereira because he is in our Cayman office 20 Beecher, is that right?	
21 with Clayton.  21 A Correct.	
22 Q And you write in this e-mail on 22 Q So looking back at this e-mail, Ms. Devins	
23 February 6, "We have a bunch of invoices for 23 says, "Yes" and this is on February 6, 2020,	
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Ω1 83 1 Stephanie Archer to Scott Ellington on A I do see that. 2 December 11, 2019, with the subject forward Q On the next page, Christmas lights, she 3 London, do you see that? 3 lists a bunch of information and winter markets, A I do. 4 winter skating, a bunch of information for that. Q And she writes there, "For you to approve And then on the next page London restaurants and 6 or change I would like to do Matilda the 26th at 6 there is a calendar from 22nd December, 2019 7 7:00 p.m., we leave for Paris the next morning, so through January 2, 2020. Do you see that there? 8 I thought we do room service that evening or A I do. 9 something simple after the play. As for holiday Q And then a bunch of restaurants, afternoon 10 meals I would love to do Christmas dinner at 10 tea is listed for the next few pages. Do you see 11 Claridges, Christmas Day lunch at Browns, New 11 all that? 12 Years dinner at Alain Ducasse at the Dorchester, 12 A I do. 13 second sitting preferably. I would love if Q And to be absolutely clear, none of this 13 14 dinners are planned at 7:00 p.m. as they are all 14 was provided to Beecher Carlson as part of the 15 incredibly long." Do you see that? 15 request for reimbursement, correct? 16 A This is the first time I am seeing any of 16 A I do. 17 Q And Beecher had no insight into any of 17 this. 18 this, right? 18 Q Now, looking at the calendar that we 19 A I have never seen this document before. 19 looked at that had the 22nd of December through 20 Q At the top of the next page Ms. Archer 20 January 1, keep that handy and let's look back at 21 writes, "As far as other activities I have in mind 21 the Ellington expense request in the previous 22 Tower of London for Jack to tour, London Bridge, 22 exhibit and compare dates. According to the 23 Hyde Park Winter Wonderland Market, Bond Street, 23 calendar they would arrive in London on the 24 and Covenant Garden Christmas lights," and she 24 morning of the 22nd of December, and if you look 25 lists the other dining she would like to try as 25 at the dates here the 22nd of December Scott's 82 84 1 well, do you see that? 1 London is listed and then on the 23rd London A I do. 2 Hilton Parklane, and the expenses begin there on Q Again, none of this is familiar, correct? 3 the 23rd and continue down through January 2, do A That is correct. 4 you see that? Q If you flip then to the next attachment 5 A I do. 6 there is a couple of blank pages and then you see O And that's what was submitted to there is a listing of London plays. 7 Beecher Carlson, correct? A Correct. Sorry, before we get there, we do need to 9 look at the last e-mail in the chain, that will Q And those are the exact same dates in this 10 provide content what follows. 10 itinerary that was provided to Ms. Archer and The last e-mail in the chain is from Sarah 11 Mr. Ellington, is that right? 12 Goldsmith to Scott Ellington and Stephanie Archer. MR. WELDON: You ask whether the dates 13 It says, "Attached is the information I have put 13 correspond? 14 together for your trip to London. I will e-mail 14 BY MR. BURT: 15 you both the Paris information tomorrow, but I Q Do the dates correspond? 16 wanted to break it up so I wasn't sending too much A The dates appear to correlate. 17 information at once. Please let me know if you Q And the locations appear to correlate as 18 would like me to do any additional research, have 18 well, London and Paris? 19 any questions, or would like me to make any 19 A They do. 20 reservations," with Sarah Goldsmith listed as SAS Q Do you have any knowledge of whether 21 Asset Recovery, do you see that? 21 Mr. Ellington did any risk mitigation work in 22 A I do. 22 London and Paris? 23 Q So the first attachment is London plays, 23 A We were only provided with the direction 24 she includes here a bunch of musicals, Wicked, 24 that the invoice was to be paid under the risk 25 School of Rock, et cetera? 25 mitigation fees.

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1 Q Did Ms. Archer to your knowledge have any 2 business with Sentinel?	1 Q A number of these are listed as risk 2 mitigation and then others are listed as business
	4 A That is correct. 5 Q Do you know what the distinction was
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6 A I am not aware of who Ms. Archer is. 7 Q So if you were to hear for the first time	
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8 today that she is Mr. Ellington's girlfriend would 9 that be news to you?	8 development related to business opportunities that 9 Sentinel was looking into for future insurance
10 A That would be news to me.	10 programs.
11 Q And this was a personal trip that they	11 Q And who informed you of that?
12 took to London and Paris?	12 A Matt DiOrio.
13 A That would also be news to me.	13 Q And do you did Beecher have any
14 Q And those would not have been appropriate	14 firsthand knowledge of what Mr. Ellington might
15 risk mitigation reimbursements	15 have been doing in terms of business development
16 MR. WELDON: Objection.	16 efforts or only what was told to you by
17 BY MR. BURT:	17 Mr. DiOrio?
18 Q had Beecher known about it?	18 A Only what was told to us by Mr. DiOrio.
19 MR. WELDON: Objection.	19 Q Here the first expense requested the
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 Shangri-La Toronto a \$15,511 bill for risk
21 Q You can answer.	21 mitigation. The other risk mitigations include a
22 A Had Beecher known about it we would have	22 \$6,883 bill at Jacobs & Company Steakhouse on the
23 pushed that the expenses not be reimbursed under	23 17th, do you see that?
24 the risk mitigation. But if the directors had	24 A I do.
25 approved it and that it was appropriate to pay	25 Q I skipped one, on the 14th another
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1 under it we would have had no choice other than to	1 Shangri-La Toronto for \$2,637, do you see that at
2 follow the direction of the directors.	2 the top?
3 Q Because ultimately Beecher didn't have the	3 A I do.
4 authority one way or the other?	4 Q And then there is it looks like eight in a
5 A Beecher did not.	5 row for the Shangri-La Hotel in various amounts,
6 Q And it was the outside directors who were	6 do you see that?
7 ultimately approving, right?	7 A I do.
8 A That is correct.	8 Q And, again, as before is it correct that
9 Q Do you know if any of this information was	9 beyond what was included here and that you were
10 provided to the outside directors?	10 told that it was risk mitigation Beecher had no
11 A I am aware that the invoices themselves	11 insight into what was actually happening in
12 would have been provided, but whether or not they	12 Toronto?
13 scrutinized it, I am not aware.	13 A That is correct.
14 Q And the e-mails back and forth between	14 Q And this Ms. Devins would have passed
15 Ms. Archer and Mr. Ellington, Beecher never had	15 this information that is here on to the
16 those, correct?	16 independent directors or the outside directors, is
17 A Beecher never received those, so as to	17 that right?
18 whether or not they made it to the directors, I do	18 A That is correct.
19 not know.	19 I do remember speaking with Matt on this
20 Q If you look at looking at the exhibit	20 particular invoice and he had indicated that the
21 with the reimbursement requests, the Ellington	21 Toronto trip had some involvement with the
22 expenses, the next expense report included here is	22 litigation.
23 for a Toronto trip from January 15 through	23 Q Do you recall what he said precisely?
24 January 19, do you see that?	24 A I don't remember other than that and it
25 A I do.	25 was a conversation we had.

91 Q And would that conversation have been Q To include all of them? 2 around the February, 2020 timeframe when this was A Right. 3 provided? 3 Q Got it. A Yes. So here Ms. Goldsmith says, "Matt, as Q Most likely. discussed earlier I am submitting the attached Mr. Adamczak, having now seen the expense reimbursement on behalf of Scott Ellington London/Paris itinerary and what was happening I am subject to review and approval by directors. just going to ask what's your reaction to that 8 Please instruct reimbursement to Scott Ellington sitting here today? 9 for the attached travel expenses. Total is 10 MR. WELDON: Objection. 10 \$318,938. Please let me know if you have any 11 additional questions. And then wire account 11 You can answer. 12 THE WITNESS: I don't know what to say. 12 information is provided from Scott Ellington and 13 his bank account at Wells Fargo." Do you see 13 BY MR. BURT: Q It's news to you today sitting here? 14 that? 15 A It is. 15 A Yes. Q It was never disclosed to you at the time? 16 O And then in the e-mail above Mr. DiOrio 17 A No, it was not. 17 forwards it to you and Ms. Devins on Friday 18 (Document marked Exhibit 120 for 18 December 20, 2019, so this appears to be about a 19 identification.) 19 month and a half prior to the expenses that we 20 BY MR. BURT: 20 just looked at, the London and Paris? Q Showing you what's been Bates labeled BC 21 A Uh-huh. 22 SEN0000663342 marked as Exhibit 120, go ahead and Q And he says, "Hi guys, please submit the 23 take a look, a couple e-mails and an expense 23 attached expenses for approval and reimbursement. 24 report. 24 Just a heads up, settlement talks are cranking up 25 A Okay. 25 as we understand it so there will be an increase 90 92 Q Looking at the bottom e-mail it is an in travel expenses over the next few months. 2 e-mail from Sarah Goldsmith to Matt DiOrio both at These are actually related to business development 3 SAS Management, cc'ing Connie and Scott Ellington as we try to plan for potential world post-ATE." 4 at SAS Management for subject Ellington request Do you recall receiving that e-mail from 5 reimbursement, do you see that? Mr. DiOrio and hearing about settlement talks and 6 A I do. potential world post-ATE in this timeframe? Q Let me ask while we are looking at e-mail A I do. 8 addresses, Mr. DiOrio is listed here as having an Q What do you remember about that? 9 SAS Management e-mail address. Is that the e-mail A I specifically had a discussion with him 10 address he typically used in communicating with 10 relating to these invoices just to understand the 11 you? 11 nature of business development costs and 12 A That is typically the e-mail address that 12 Mr. DiOrio explained to me that there was a 13 they would use. We were told that any e-mails 13 convention in Las Vegas that was the type of 14 that were coming from the Highland folks were 14 clientele that Highland Capital were looking at as 15 because it was a Cayman entity that they were 15 far as the next potential insurance programs that 16 representing they had to use the Cayman e-mail 16 they might be considering, so there was a lot of 17 address, which was the sasmanagement.com e-mail 17 wining and dining that went on in Las Vegas. Q Highland Capital was considering, is that 18 address. 19 right? 19 Q Did you at times receive e-mails from 20 their Highland Capital accounts as well? 20 MR. WELDON: Objection. 21 A We would. 21 THE WITNESS: Highland Capital was 22 considering for Sentinel. 22 O Even when it related to Sentinel business? 23 A We would. And then when I would reply I 23 BY MR. BURT: 24 would try to remember to put the SAS management 24 Q For Sentinel in particular? 25 e-mail. 25 A Correct.

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### Transcript of Thomas Adamczak, 30(b)(6)

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- 2 post-ATE, did you discuss what he meant by that?
- A It was understood at the time and it was
- 4 discussed in board meetings that because of the
- 5 magnitude of the ATE policy the potential exposure
- 6 that was there they didn't want to write any
- 7 additional policies through Sentinel until they
- 8 got on the other side of that UBS litigation.
- Q And when you say the potential -- the size 10 of the policy and the potential exposure, describe
- 11 what you mean by that.

#### 12 A Potential exposure \$91 million of maximum

#### 13 loss on the policy.

- 14 Q And did Sentinel have the assets to cover 15 that?
- 16 A They did.
- 17 Q And in terms of the potential settlement
- 18 that was being discussed, was it being discussed
- 19 that the ATE policy would cover that settlement?

#### A I do not know of any settlement talks

- 21 other than what Matt shared with us here.
- 22 Q Did Mr. DiOrio share with you that the
- 23 judge the prior month had issued a ruling finding
- 24 in favor totally for UBS?
- A He did not.

- and I believe your answer was no, is that right?
- A That is correct.
- 3 (Document marked Exhibit 121 for
- 4 identification.)
- BY MR. BURT:
- Q So now looking at Exhibit 121, you can
- actually flip to the fourth physical page, and you
- will see a document that has a file stamp, it has
- a case heading on it, do you see that?
- 10 A Yes.
- O And the Bates at the bottom of that is 11
- 12 KL 0000036. And you see that this is a judgment
- 13 in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in
- 14 the case of UBS Securities, LLC and another UBS
- 15 entity plaintiffs against Highland Capital
- 16 Management, LLP and a number of Highland entities,
- 17 do you see that?
- 18 A I do.
- Q And looking at that case caption are those
- 20 the -- is this the action that you understood to
- 21 be the event in the ATE policy?
- 22 A I believe so.
- 23 Q Now, looking at Page 2 of this order or
- 24 this judgment the second paragraph begins with
- 25 "and", do you see where I am?
- Q Let's take a look at 55A. We are going to
- come back to that one so keep that handy.
- A Are we done with the other ones?
- Q You can set those ones aside for the moment, yes.
- MR. WELDON: Is this a good place to take
- a break? 8 MR. BURT: We can, yes, sure.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of
- 10 Disk No. 2 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak,
- 11 we are going off the record at 11:13.
- 12 (Recess taken.)
- 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 3
- 14 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are going
- 15 back on the record at 11:27.
- 16 BY MR. BURT:
- 17 Q So, Mr. Adamczak, before the break we were
- 18 looking at this e-mail that was forwarded to you
- 19 from Mr. DiOrio for expense reimbursements from
- 20 Mr. Ellington, and the date of that e-mail was
- 21 December 20, 2019. Do you recall that?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Now, I believe I had asked you had
- 24 Mr. DiOrio informed you anything about a recent
- 25 court order in a UBS case finding in favor of UBS

A Yes. 1

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- Q It states, "And the Court having rendered
- a final decision and order after trial on
- 4 November 14, 2019 in which it found in favor of
- 5 Plaintiffs UBS Securities, LLC and UBS AG London
- 6 Branch on their third and fourth causes of actions
- against the counter-parties and dismissed
- 8 Defendant Highland Capital Management, LLP's
- 9 counterclaims with prejudice."
- 10 My question for you is did Mr. DiOrio make
- 11 you aware of the court order on November 14, 2019
- 12 finding in favor of UBS?
- 13 A I believe he had mentioned it and
- 14 indicated that there were appeals that were going 15 through.
- Q When did he first mention it to you? 16
- 17 A I don't recall.
- Q Looking at this December 20, 2019 e-mail
- 19 in the previous exhibit do you know whether he had
- 20 mentioned it to you around this time when he was
- 21 sending these expense reimbursements along?
- 22 A I don't believe so.
- 23 O So --
- 24 A I don't recall.
- 25 Q But your best estimate probably would have

1 was for loss reserves would be what the directors come sometime later? MR. WELDON: Objection. approved to be recorded as a liability in THE WITNESS: I don't recall. Sentinel's books. 4 BY MR. BURT: Q We will come back to that. We will come Q What did he say about appeals? back to that in a couple of minutes. A He didn't really have a lot of information So looking back at Exhibit I think it is 7 related to the process or where it was, but they 7 120, the expense reimbursement request, if we look were trying to appeal. 8 at the actual attachment, the expense report of Q Do you know if appeals were ever taken? 9 Mr. Ellington, dated December 19, 2019 for a total 10 A I do not know. 10 of \$318,934.88, here it doesn't have a listing of Q Did you ever speak with anybody else at 11 risk mitigation or business development included 12 Highland about the judgment entered against them? 12 in this report. Do you know how this would have 13 A At the end of each year, probably sometime 13 been accounted for? 14 in January to March, so post-year end, we would 14 A This was explained to be all business 15 have discussion with the actuary and include J.P., 15 development expenses. 16 Matt, and Isaac Leventon to try to determine the Q And as we have discussed earlier, whether 17 scenarios for the outcome of the case and with the 17 it was risk mitigation or business development it 18 end goal being to determine what the loss, 18 was coming out of the same Sentinel checking 19 ultimate loss, would end up being that Sentinel 19 account, right? 20 would record in their financial statements. 20 A That is correct. Q And did you engage in that process after 21 Q So it was just for accounting purposes how 22 this judgment had come down? 22 it was included in the ledger whether it was a 23 A We would have had a discussion in sometime 23 business development? 24 between January and March of 2020. 24 A Correct. Q Do you recall anything about that 25 Q Or risk mitigation, okay. 98 100 1 discussion, what was discussed? MR. WELDON: Objection. 1 A I don't, other than potential outcomes and BY MR. BURT: 3 with the attempt to try and assign weights to that Q Is that right? 4 for calculating the loss reserves. 4 A That is correct. Q What if anything do you recall about what 5 MR. WELDON: Objection. 6 Mr. Sevilla or Leventon said about the potential 6 BY MR. BURT: outcomes? Q Here if we look at these expenses you see, A I don't recall anything specific. 8 for example, on December 12, 2019 a charge of 9 \$152,000 at the Wynn Las Vegas Hotel, do you have Q Okay. A The discussion was really for the actuary 10 any insight on that charge what is listed here? 11 primarily. 11 A The only thing I know is what Matt DiOrio 12 Q And what would the actuary do with that 12 explained that these were business development 13 information precisely? 13 expenses related to wining and dining 14 A The actuary would take those outcomes and 14 opportunities, potential future insurance 15 probabilities of each outcome and run it through 15 opportunities for Sentinel. 16 the models to try and determine the liability, the 16 Q Do you know if any of those insurance 17 ultimate loss liability. 17 opportunities ever came to fruition? 18 A Sentinel has not written any policies 18 Q One moment. Were those actuarial estimates were those 19 since the ATE policy. Q So none of this business development 20 used for accounting purposes or how did they end 21 up being used? 21 resulted in any new ATE policy or other policy for 22 A For accounting purposes. 22 Sentinel? 23 Q And how specifically would they affect the 23 MR. WELDON: Objection. 24 accounting? 24 THE WITNESS: Not currently. A So whatever the calculation by the actuary 25

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1 BY MR. BURT:	1 A That is mine.
2 Q There is charges at an Omnia Las Vegas.	2 Q And you recall sending that?
3 Do you know what Omnia is?	3 A I do.
4 A No.	4 Q And what raised your concern there?
5 Q No one ever told you what it was?	5 A The fact that there was \$318,000 worth of
6 A No.	6 expenses at first, but there was a significant
7 Q And if I were to represent to you that it	7 amount of that seemed to be club-related.
8 was a nightclub, would that be news to you?	8 Q Was it after that that you had the
9 A No.	9 conversation with Mr. DiOrio?
10 Q Did you have an understanding?	10 A Correct.
11 A I did not. That wasn't one that I	11 Q So you tried to do some more diligence on
12 particularly looked at. I think I might have	12 this?
13 looked at the Sapphire expense and questioned	13 A I did.
14 that.	14 Q And the answer that you were given was
15 Q And what do you understand Sapphire to be?	15 A Business development.
16 A A typical Las Vegas strip club.	16 Q Business development.
17 Q Did you look at that at the time?	17 And then was this sent on to the directors
18 A I did.	18 for approval?
19 Q And you asked Mr. DiOrio specifically	19 A It was.
20 about that?	20 Q And do you know if the directors approved
21 A I did.	21 it?
22 Q And his answer was that it was business	22 A Ultimately they did, but they also
23 development?	23 questioned it.
24 A They were all business development, this	24 Q What did they question?
25 is how they do business.	25 A They requested the nature of those
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1 Q "They" being who?	1 expenses as well and specifically inquired whether
2 A Highland Capital.	2 all or both of the UBOs would be okay with running
3 Q So he explained to you that Highland	3 these expenses through the captive as business
4 Capital did business at strip clubs?	4 development.
5 MR. WELDON: Objection.	5 Q And who did they ask that question to?
6 THE WITNESS: He explained that this is	6 A Matt DiOrio.
7 all of the events that took place in Las Vegas as	7 Q And what was the answer he gave?
8 a whole related to the business development and	8 A That it was appropriate.
9 this is what they this is how they conduct	9 Q So he did he tell them specifically
10 business.	10 that both the UBOs, Scott Ellington and James
11 BY MR. BURT:	11 Dondero, were okay with running these types of
12 Q Please finish.	12 expenses through Sentinel?
13 A He didn't offer more than that.	13 MR. WELDON: Objection.
14 Q Did he explain whether anybody accompanied	14 THE WITNESS: I don't specifically
15 Mr. Ellington to Las Vegas?	15 remember.
16 A He did not.	16 BY MR. BURT:
17 Q Now, looking at the e-mail at the very top	17 Q So what's your best memory?
18 there is a To line to Alli Devins and the planner	18 MR. WELDON: Objection.
19 this was produced to us, we don't know who the	19 THE WITNESS: That it was appropriate to
20 from was, but it states, "Nice, what the hell is	20 include it as business development expense.
21 going on with these expenses? I question how much	21 BY MR. BURT:
22 business development is actually being done. Did	22 Q So I guess what the distinction I am
23 you look at this?"	23 trying to make sure I drill down on is it's
24 Was that did you write that e-mail to	24 appropriate because the UBOs said it was
25 Alli?	25 appropriate?
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1 MR. WELDON: Objection.	1 MR. WELDON: Objection.
2 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, yes.	2 THE WITNESS: Correct.
3 BY MR. BURT:	3 BY MR. BURT:
4 Q I just want to look at one more of these	4 Q Did Ms. Vitiello attend the meeting?
5 expense requests, give me one moment.	5 A Who?
6 Mark this as 122.	6 Q Stephanie Vitiello.
7 (Document marked Exhibit 122 for	7 A I think she did, and that was the only
8 identification.)	8 reference to her that I have seen.
9 BY MR. BURT:	9 Q In regards to this CIMA meeting?
10 Q Showing what has been marked as	10 A Her existence anywhere within Sentinel
11 Exhibit 122 BC SEN000662367, are you ready,	11 operations.
12 Mr. Adamczak?	12 Q Do you know whether they traveled by
13 A Yes.	13 private jet?
Q So the first-in-time e-mail here from	14 A I do not know.
15 Matt DiOrio to you dated July 2, 2019, submitting	15 Q Are you aware of any instances in which
16 the below for approval and the below appears to be	16 Highland employees traveled by private jet to the
17 a Sentinel expense reimbursement related to travel	17 Caymans?
18 for a CIMA meeting on June 25, 2019, do you see	18 A To the Caymans? Not necessarily. But I
19 that?	19 do know that they have had chartered flights for
20 A Yes.	20 other meetings.
21 Q The amount being \$4,615.90.	21 Q Did they seek reimbursement from Sentinel
What CIMA meeting, if you recall, was	22 for those?
23 occurring in June of 2019?	23 A Yes.
24 A So in connection with the CIMA inspection	24 Q What do you know about those flights?
25 CIMA specifically had questions related to the	25 A I believe there was one flight, it might
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1 investments and how they fit into Sentinel's 2 investment policy. So this was a meeting at the	1 have been the Toronto flight, that was 2 actually. I don't even know that this one took
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22 legal expenses for those employees. 22 believe the only expenses would have come through		
23 Q Legal expenses related to what? 23 as legal fees, maybe a retainer.		
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1 A Yes.	1 0000074288, are you ready, Mr. Adamczak?
2 Q Do those invoices still come to Beecher	2 A Yes.
3 for processing?	3 Q So what I actually want to look at is the
4 A I haven't seen any recently.	4 bottom e-mail on the first page from
5 Q When was the last time you saw one?	5 Gareth Pereira dated the 24th of June, 2021 to
6 A I believe it was just a retainer upfront,	6 Casey McDonald. We have spoken about Mr. Pereira,
7 and I don't remember the name of the law firm.	7 but who is Mr. McDonald?
8 Q That's the only request for reimbursement	8 A Mr. McDonald is one of the current
9 or for payment that you have seen related to the	9 directors of Sentinel and he is an outside
10 indemnification agreement?	10 independent director.
11 A As far as I know.	11 Q When was he appointed?
12 Q As far as as the corporate	12 A Shortly before this e-mail.
13 representative of Beecher as far as Beecher is	13 Q So in the April, May timeframe?
14 aware just the retainer?	14 A I want to say probably final approval came
15 A That is correct.	15 through in early June maybe.
16 Q Do you was that paid, that retainer?	16 Q 2021?
17 A Yes.	17 A '21, yes.
18 Q Was it classified as a risk mitigation	18 Q Do you know who appointed him?
19 expense?	19 A Matt DiOrio as the current then current
20 A I do not recall. I believe it would have	20 remaining director on the Sentinel board.
21 been, but I don't recall.	21 Q Was he still a member of the Sentinel
22 Q So if any of those if any further	22 board at that time?
23 expenses have been submitted and paid that would	23 A At the time that he was appointed, yes.
24 have been Beecher would not have knowledge of	24 They didn't want to have all the directors resign
25 that? I just want to make sure I am understanding	25 at the same time because that would leave the
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1 A The same time that Mr. McDonald was.	1 Q And so then Mr. DiOrio yes, Mr. DiOrio
2 Q Did Mr. DiOrio appoint him as well?	2 responds at the top e-mail, it says, 'This is an
3 A He would have appointed both of them.	3 order and should be settled. The company
4 Q And then there is a Stephen Leontsinis at	4 indemnified a group of former employees, myself
5 Collas Crill. Do you know who that is?	5 included, a while back and it relates to our
6 A He is the attorney for Sentinel.	6 defense with respect to today's hearing that I
7 Q And Matt DiOrio at a gmail account, do you	7 mentioned." Do you see that?
8 recognize that to be his personal gmail account?	8 A I do.
9 A That was the e-mail account that he was	9 Q Do you know what hearing he was referring
10 using since he left Highland.	10 to?
11 Q He no longer used an SAS account either?	11 A I do not.
12 A No.	12 Q And is this the indemnification agreement
13 Q And then there is a J.S. de Jager, CSI.	13 that we have been discussing?
14 Do you know what that is?	14 A I believe that's correct.
15 A J.S. is the third independent director.	15 Q Now, Mr. McDonald had requested if this
16 He was appointed shortly after Mr. McDonald and	16 comes out of the pre-fund mitigation risk balance.
17 Mr. Kenny were appointed.	17 It doesn't appear that Mr. DiOrio directly
18 Q Who appointed Mr. de Jager?	18 responded to that question, but is it your
19 A I don't remember, but Mr. McDonald and	19 understanding that that is where the
20 Mr. Kenny may have.	20 reimbursements are coming from?
21 Q And then you and Mr. Price are also on	21 MR. WELDON: Objection.
22 this e-mail, do you see that?	22 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
23 A Correct.	23 BY MR. BURT:
24 Q Here Mr. Pereira writes, 'Good morning,	24 Q Do you know specifically what matter these
25 Casey. Following on from last week please can you	25 former employees were indemnified for?
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1 provide your approval through e-mail and also	1 A I assumed it related to the UBS
2 release the following payments that have been set	2 litigation.
3 up in CIBC for Sentinel. There is a Ross & Smith	3 Q Are you aware of any directions from CIMA
4 legal expense for \$75,854.90 and Q3 Beecher	4 that are currently in place regarding payments of
5 Carlson Captive Management fee of 15,000, is that	5 expenses and things of that nature?
6 right? And Risk International Actuarial expense	6 A CIMA had requested that Sentinel refrain
7 of 7500."	7 from making any payments and disposing of any of
8 A Correct.	8 the assets.
9 Q Do you recall this request coming from	9 Q When did CIMA make that request?
10 Mr. Pereira?	10 A I don't remember the date.
11 A I do.	11 Q Was it in 2021?
12 Q What do you remember about it?	12 A I believe it was in 2021.
13 A This is the typical expense request where	13 Q Was it before these requests for
14 we would provide the invoices to the directors for	14 reimbursement came in?
15 their approval and release in the CIBC system.	15 A I don't believe so, but I don't remember.
16 Q And then Mr. McDonald responds, 'Thanks,	16 Q Are you aware of CIMA issuing a retraining
17 Gareth. I can go in and approve, but as Wade and	17 notice or restraint on Sentinel from dispersing
18 I don't have any visibility into the legal bill I	18 any funds whatsoever?
19 appreciate Matt confirming it is all in order and	19 A Yes, that's what I was referring to.
20 should be settled. As it's for U.S. counsel am I	20 Q That's what you were referring to, okay.
21 right in thinking it is coming out of the pre-fund	21 A Yes.
22 mitigation balance or is there any additional	22 Q And to your knowledge has Sentinel adhered
23 background we can get on the expenses?" Do you	23 to that since receiving it?
24 see that?	24 A Beecher sought clarification from CIMA
I	25 mb then the sintended as to not man our couries

25 whether they intended us to not pay any service

A I do.

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1 providers and let everything lapse or if they	1 relationship between any of the current or former	
2 wanted to at least continue the operations and	2 Sentinel independent directors and Mr. Dondero and	
3 they specified that we could continue paying	3 Mr. Ellington?	
4 normal business expenses.	A The independent directors?	
Q Was that in a written response to Beecher?	5 Q Uh-huh.	
6 A I believe so, yes.	6 A No.	
7 Q Would that have come to	7 MR. BURT: We can take a break.	
8 A Clayton.	8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the	
9 Q Clayton, all right.	9 record, the time is 12:05.	
Would indemnification reimbursement	10 (Lunch recess taken.)	
11 expenses fall within those types of payments that	11	
12 are still being paid?	12	
13 A I don't recall this being before that	13	
14 cease and desist, whatever you termed it as.	14	
15 Q The restraint?	15	
16 A The restraint.	16	
17 Q Setting this document aside, just in	17	
18 general after receiving that restraint and	18	
19 receiving the clarification about paying sort of	19	
20 the normal course payments to service providers,	20	
21 would legal expense reimbursements for the	21	
22 indemnified employees fall within that category of	22	
23 expenses that could still be paid?	23	
24 A I don't know.	24	
25 Q Beecher doesn't know one way or the other?	25	
122	124	4
1 A It would be up to the directors to make	1 AFTERNOON SESSION	
2 that call.	2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on	
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1 produce?	1 Q If you look down in the legal action row,
2 A Just one.	2 do you see that?
3 Q And it's this one we are looking at here?	3 A Yes.
4 A Correct.	4 Q It lists the title of the legal action and
5 Q I believe you testified earlier that the	5 the case number, and if you look at the entities
6 event referred to in this policy is the UBS	6 whom UBS is suing it includes Highland Capital
7 litigation against Highland Capital and the	7 Management, LP, which is not an insured, correct?
8 various Highland entities?	8 A Correct.
9 A Correct.	9 Q It includes Highland Special Opportunities
10 Q And you are familiar with this document,	10 Holding Company, which is an insured, correct?
11 you have seen it before?	11 A Correct.
12 A I have.	12 Q It includes Highland Financial Partners,
13 Q Let's flip to the schedule of this	13 LP, which is not an insured, correct?
14 document near the very end, the last two pages is	14 A Correct.
15 what I am going to look at, and listed here is the	15 Q And it includes Highland CDO Opportunity
16 schedule of the ATE policy and the insurer is	16 Master Fund LP, which is an insured, correct?
17 listed as Sentinel Reinsurance Limited, correct?	17 A Correct.
18 A Correct.	18 Q It includes Highland Credit Opportunities
19 Q The insured are three entities, Highland	19 CDO, LP and Strand Advisors, neither of which are
20 CDO Master Fund LP, Highland CDO Holding Company,	20 insureds, correct?
21 and Highland Special Opportunities Holding	21 A Correct.
22 Company, do you see that?	22 Q Not listed in that legal action was
23 A Yes.	23 Highland CDO Holding Company, the middle of the
24 Q Do you know how it was decided that these	24 three insureds up above, do you see that?
25 three entities should be the insured?	25 A Yes.
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1 A At the direction of J.P. Sevilla.	1 Q Was that known to Beecher at the time?
2 Q What direction specifically did he give?	2 A It may have been, but it would have if
3 A That these would be the insureds on the	3 we asked we would have assumed or been under the
4 policy.	4 assumption that it was part of the affiliation of
5 Q When did he give that?	5 those entities whether a subsidiary of those
6 A When the policy was drafted.	6 entities or some relation that was covered under
7 Q Which was when?	7 that.
0 A Dulan ta Ananat 1 2017	O And that would have been told to you by
9 Q Did he ever mention that there were other	9 Mr. Sevilla?
10 entities involved in the UBS other Highland	10 A Correct.
11 entities involved in the UBS litigation that would	11 Q Now, I want to actually talk about that
12 not be insured?	12 for a moment.
13 A Not to my knowledge.	13 The affiliation of these entities, what
14 Q Did he represent that these three entities	14 was Beecher's understanding of how all these
15 were all in the litigation?	15 entities were related?
16 A Could you clarify?	16 A They were either subsidiaries of Highland
17 O Sure.	17 Capital Management or funds that Highland Capital
18 So it lists three entities. Did	18 Management managed.
19 Mr. Sevilla tell Beecher that these three	
	19 Q That was known to Beecher, that fact that 20 these were all affiliated?
20 entities, the insureds, are all part of the UBS	
21 litigation?	21 A That was our understanding.
A That's our understanding, yes.	22 Q Based on what Mr. Sevilla told you?
23 Q Did Beecher ever check to see if that was	23 A Correct.
24 correct?	Q So from Beecher's perspective it wouldn't
25 A No.	25 make any difference to the efficacy of the policy

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1 t	hat one of the insured's was not part of the	1	A None.
2 e	event in the after the event policy?	2	Q Did any of the directors did any of the
3	A I don't know.	3	outside directors have any role in putting the
4	Q Let me rephrase it.	4	policy together?
5	Because it was an affiliated entity with	5	A At the time that this policy was put in
6 t	he other Highland entities it was not of a	6	place there were only outside directors.
7 c	concern to Beecher at the time that it wasn't	7	Q And none of them had any role in putting
8 n	named as a defendant in the event, the litigation?	8	it together?
9	MR. WELDON: Objection.	9	MR. WELDON: Objection.
10	THE WITNESS: I don't believe so.	10	
11 E	BY MR. BURT:	11	BY MR. BURT:
12	Q Did Beecher ever ask why ever ask	12	Q The insureds are listed as, again, as we
	Mr. Sevilla why the other defendants weren't being		just read, the three Highland entities, and each
14 i	ncluded as insureds?	14	of them is signed for by James Dondero as
15	A Not to my knowledge.	15	president or director, do you see that?
16	Q Why not?	16	A I do.
17	A I don't know.	17	Q What was Beecher's understanding at the
18	Q Would it be fair to say that Beecher was	18	time of Mr. Dondero's role with respect to those
19 j	ust following what Mr. Sevilla told it to do?	19	Highland entities?
20	MR. WELDON: Objection.	20	A That he had authority to act on each of
21	THE WITNESS: I don't know.	21	those entities as president or CEO or whatever his
22 E	BY MR. BURT:	22	role was with Highland Capital.
23	Q The court in which this case is pending is	23	Q Who told you that?
24 tl	he Supreme Court of the State of New York, lists	24	A I don't believe anyone told us, it was
25 tl	he opponent, and then it lists the limit of	25	probably assumed.
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	ndemnity, and that is listed as \$100 million in	1	Q Mr. Sevilla didn't explain why Mr. Dondero
2 t	he aggregate, do you see that?	2	was signing?
3	A Yes.	3	A He may have. I don't remember.
4	Q Payment date for premium is listed as	4	We have seen Mr. Dondero's name on a
	August 31, 2017 and the premium is listed as	5	number of documents so it's not uncommon to see
6 \$	625 million, do you see that?	6	him related to Highland Capital.
7	A Yes.	7	Q So the understanding of Beecher at the
8	Q And I want to come back to how both of	8	time let me make sure I get this right.
	hose figures were arrived at, but before we do,	9	With Highland Capital Management, LP was
	ooking at the next page the signature page for		it Beecher's understanding that of that entity
	he insurer and the insureds, first, insurer,	11	Mr. Dondero was the CEO or president?
12 A	Andrew Dean signed for Sentinel, is that right?	12	MR. WELDON: Objection.
13	A Correct.	13	
14	Q And is it correct that he was a director	14	BY MR. BURT:
15 o	of Sentinel at the time?	15	
16	A Correct.		entity, the Highland Capital Management, LP, he
17	Q Did he work for one of those agencies or		had authority to sign for the various Highland
18 g	groups that provided	18	entities underneath it?
19	A Maples.	19	ž
20	Q He worked for Maples.	20	THE WITNESS: Yes.
21	How long did Mr. Dean serve as a director?	21	BY MR. BURT:
22	A From 2015-ish to 2018.	22	Q Did Beecher have any understanding
23	Q What role to your knowledge or to	23	strike that. I will come back to that.
24 E	Beecher's knowledge did Mr. Dean have in putting	24	Let's talk about for a moment the
	his policy together?	25	\$100 million limit of indemnity. Could you

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1 describe how that figure was arrived at?	1 A The assumptions that were used in the
2 A It was actuarially sorry, the 100	2 model.
3 million?	3 Q Were the assumptions provided to
4 Q The 100 million limit of indemnity.	4 Mr. Stubbs by Mr. Kranz and Mr. Sevilla?
5 A It was the figure that Mr. Sevilla had	5 A Correct.
6 given us.	6 Q So is it correct to say that let me ask
7 Q Had he ever provided other figures that he	7 it this way.
8 was considering?	8 Is it right that the amount of the premium
9 A 80 million and I believe I have seen 120	9 depended on the assumptions provided?
10 million.	10 A The way that the actuarial modeling worked
11 Q When did Mr. Sevilla start providing these	11 was whatever the outcomes were and the exposure
12 possible limits of indemnity figures?	12 and the probability of secession that would factor
13 A At the time that they were discussing	13 in to the calculation to determine the ultimate
14 writing the policy.	14 premium that would be paid.
15 Q And thinking back to before lunch, was	15 Q And those calculations were done by
16 that in early 2017?	16 Mr. Stubbs?
17 A Early 2017.	17 A Correct.
18 Q And that was when Mr. Kranz and	18 Q Do you recall this issue of how the
19 Mr. Sevilla were talking about it?	19 premium was set being raised by CIMA in their 2019
20 A Correct.	20 audit of Sentinel?
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22 these numbers were coming from, why these amounts?	22 Q Did they have questions about it, how the
23 A I think it was based on the premium that	23 premium was determined?
24 they were willing to pay and the exposure that	24 A They may have. I don't remember.
25 they were willing to put into the captive.	25 Q I will show you a document that maybe will
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1 Q When you say exposure willing to put in,	1 refresh. Mark this as 126.
2 what does that mean?	2 (Document marked Exhibit 126 for
3 A Exposure, risk that Sentinel could	3 identification.)
4 potentially be on the hook for.	4 BY MR. BURT:
5 Q I see. So the exposure to Sentinel.	5 Q I have handed you, Mr. Adamczak, what's
6 A Yes.	6 been marked as Exhibit 126, Bates BC
7 Q And Mr. Sevilla was providing those	7 SEN0000078777, which is an e-mail from a CIMA
8 figures to Mr. Kranz?	8 employee to Clayton price, cc'ing amongst others
9 A I don't know.	9 yourself, and then it has four attachments,
10 Q Did you or Mr. Kranz ever offer your own	10 including CIMA final reports.
11 figures or provide feedback to the figures that	11 A Yes.
12 Mr. Sevilla was giving?	12 Q Are you familiar with this?
13 A I don't know that.	13 A Yes.
14 Q Let's let me ask about the premium figure,	14 Q And you recall receiving these reports in
15 the 25 million. How was that figure arrived at?	15 May of 2019 from CIMA?
16 A The premium was actuarially determined	16 A Yes.
17 based on a set of outcomes and their probabilities	17 Q I want to look at one page in particular,
18 of secession.	18 I know they are very lengthy, bear with me one
19 Q Who was the actuary you were using?	19 moment. It is actually on Page 8 of the AML
20 A Jason Stubbs of International Risk.	20 report, the Bates at the bottom will end in 78822,
21 Q Is it correct to say that Mr. Stubbs	21 and it is Section 5.2.1.4 under Authorities
22 arrived at the \$25 million figure?	22 Response, do you see that?
23 A He arrived at the \$25 million figure in	23 A I do.
24 discussions with Pete and J.P.	24 Q And in here CIMA writes on April 4, 2019,
25 Q What were those discussions about?	25 "The authority held a telephone interview with

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1 Mr. Jason D. Stubbs of Risk International, the	1 A I have never heard of Neil Horner.
2 licensee's actuary. During the interview	2 Q And what role did Paul Scrivener play in
3 Mr. Stubbs informed the authority that he was not	3 the June, 2017 timeframe with respect
4 involved in the determination of premium pricing	4 A Hold on, let me catch up.
5 for the licensee to any extent at all but rather	5 Q Sure.
6 his role was limited to technical reserving. He	6 A We are on Page 3 or 2?
7 added that his involvement arose after premium	7 Q Page 3, the June 12, 2017 e-mail.
8 decisions had been finalized by the licensee. The	8 A Yes, I am with you.
9 authority notes with concern that the management's	9 Q The subject of this e-mail is the draft
10 assertion that the ATE policy premium of U.S.	10 ATE policy, and my question is what role
11 25,000,000 was established based on a pricing	11 Mr. Scrivener played with that, with the ATE
12 study conducted by the licensee's actuary	12 policy.
13 contradicts the actuary's position."	13 A What was the question again?
Were you aware of that finding of the	14 Q No problem.
15 authority?	The question was what role did
16 A It states here that that is the case, so I	16 Mr. Scrivener play with respect to the ATE policy?
17 was aware.	17 A I believe we had contacted Solomon Harris
18 Q Do you disagree with that finding?	18 along with a number of legal firms to provide
19 A I disagree with the fact that there were	19 guidance in terms of drafting the ATE policy.
20 discussions with Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Kranz and	20 Q Around here in the third paragraph that
21 Mr. Sevilla regarding pricing analysis. The	21 begins with "the insurer here", do you see that?
22 pricing analysis was never formally finalized, so	22 A Yes.
23 from the standpoint of Mr. Stubbs response maybe	23 Q It says, "The insurer here, Sentinel
24 that's true because it wasn't formalized.	24 Reinsurance Limited, or Sentinel, is a Cayman
25 Q I guess what I am trying to understand is	25 licensed insurer and is affiliated with both a
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1 the timing in arriving at the figure. Did that	1 litigation funding business and a U.S. hedge fund
2 figure come prepackaged by Mr. Sevilla to	2 management company." Do you see that?
3 Mr. Stubbs say I want a policy with around a	3 A Yes.
4 premium of 25 million, make it work, or did	4 Q And that's consistent with Beecher's
5 Mr. Stubbs arrive at that figure independently?	
5 Tim. Stabos arrive at that figure macpendentry.	
6 A I was not part of those discussions so I	6 affiliated with both the litigation funding
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1 they own Highland Capital Management.	1 Q Is that consistent with Beecher's
2 BY MR. BURT:	2 understanding at the time that the total assets of
3 Q I believe you just testified when I asked	3 the funds to be insured have an NAV of around
4 the common ownership being James Dondero and	4 100 million?
5 Scott Ellington and you said correct.	5 MR. WELDON: Objection.
6 A I don't know how much ownership they had	6 THE WITNESS: No.
7 of it, but it was our assumption that they had	7 BY MR. BURT:
8 some ownership.	8 Q What was Beecher's understanding?
9 Q Of Highland?	9 A That the fair value was undetermined.
10 A Yes.	10 Q So in June of 2017 it was unknown as far
11 Q And did Mr. Sevilla ever tell you that?	11 as Beecher was aware of
12 A No.	12 A Correct.
13 Q How about Mr. DiOrio?	13 Q of the value?
14 A No.	Do you have any idea where Mr. Scrivener
15 Q No one from Highland ever told you that?	15 may have gotten that figure?  16 A I don't know.
<ul> <li>16 A Maybe did it, I don't remember.</li> <li>17 Q So then he says, "Sentinel in the</li> </ul>	
I The state of the	17 Q And he says here that strike that. All
18 litigation funding business are existing clients	18 right.
19 of Solomon Harris, I understand that this policy	He says, "There is scope for a settlement
20 will be the first third-party business written by	20 still, the deal that Sentinel has reached with the
21 Sentinel with Sentinel initially set up to insure	21 funds is that for a premium of U.S. 20 million
22 or reinsurer certain group risks."	22 Sentinel will provide cover of up to 85 million on
23 Do you know what he meant by third-party	23 either, one, judgment against the funds or, two,
24 business written by Sentinel?	24 settlement being reached."
25 A Third-party business being not the parent	So here we see him talking about a premium
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1 risks.	1 of 20 million and a cover of up to 85 million. Is
2 Q I am not sure I understand that, what do	2 that consistent with Beecher's understanding in
3 you mean by that?	3 June of 2017 that those were the figures being
4 A It is not if it is in a direct line	4 considered?
5 with the ownership, the parents, it would be	5 MR. WELDON: Objection.
6 affiliated risk. If it's a sister company or some	6 THE WITNESS: Yes.
7 distant relationship it would fall under the	7 BY MR. BURT:
8 third-party risk.	8 Q And where did those figures come from?
9 Q I see.	9 A Through the discussions with the actuary.
10 So the fact that it had common ownership	10 Q So Beecher's testimony would be that the
11 didn't mean that it was first-party business it	11 actuary had provided both the \$25 million figure
12 could still be called third-party business?	12 and the \$85 million figure?
13 A Correct.	13 A I know there was a discussion between
14 Q Then he writes in the next paragraph, "The	14 J.P., Pete, and Jason Stubbs to prepare the
15 insureds under this policy will be Cayman and	15 premium pricing model, and that was the outcome of
16 Bermuda hedge funds that are currently embroiled	16 the draft premium pricing model that was provided.
17 in well-advanced litigation as defendants. The	17 Q And, again, the assumptions that went into
18 matter is set down for trial in August/September	18 that model were provided by Mr. Sevilla and
19 of this year. The total potential exposure in the	19 Mr. Kranz?
20 litigation is in the order of U.S. 500 million and	20 A That is my understanding.
21 the total assets of the funds have an NAV of	21 Q It then says, "Cover includes any legal
22 around U.S. 100 million."	22 costs payable to the plaintiffs but not the fund's
23 I will stop there. Do you understand NAV	23 own legal costs." And we have seen that is
24 to mean net asset value?	24 actually not how the policy ended up being
174 to mean net asset value?	1/4 actually hot how the Doncy ended up being
25 A Yes.	25 written, is that right?

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1 MR. WELDON: Objection.	1 A Yes.		
2 THE WITNESS: Correct.	2 Q Do you see that?		
3 BY MR. BURT:	Cc'd on that are Pete Kranz and Isaac		
4 Q Then it says, 'The U.S. 20 million premium	4 Leventon.		
5 will be satisfied in kind by the funds	So just to level set in terms of timing,		
6 transferring their investment portfolios to	6 this e-mail is dated June 12 and I believe the		
7 Sentinel. There will be an actuarial assessment	7 last e-mail that we have been looking at from		
8 of the portfolio assets." Do you see that, do you	8 Mr. Scrivener was also dated June 12, 2017.		
9 see where I was reading?	9 A Okay.		
10 A Yes.	10 Q Do you see that?		
11 Q Was it Beecher's understanding that the	11 A I do.		
12 plan was for the premium to be satisfied by the	12 Q So here Mr. Sevilla writes to Jason		
13 transfer of the entire investment portfolios of	13 Stubbs, "Jason, I will be speaking to your GC		
14 the funds?	14 later this afternoon and I anticipate we will		
15 A Yes.	15 finalize the NDA then." Do you know what NDA		
16 Q So that was always understood?	16 refers to?		
17 A Always.	17 A Nondisclosure agreement, or something like		
18 Q Where did that idea come from?	18 that, I don't know.		
19 A J.P.	19 Q Was that part of retaining or bringing on		
20 Q And he says, "Again, in future tense there	20 Bartlett Actuarial to provide work?		
21 will be an actuarial assessment of the portfolio	21 A Nothing that I am involved with.		
22 asset."	22 Q You are not involved with that at all, all		
That gets back to my question about timing	23 right.		
24 whether the actuarial assessment happened after	And then they have a few back and forth		
25 the figures had been arrived at or was informed by	25 about setting up a time to have a call and getting		
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1 these figures.	1 the NDA signed.		
2 A I don't know what he is referring to in	2 If you look at the next page that ends in		
3 terms of an actuarial assessment of the portfolio	3 Bates 662983, it is about almost halfway up,		
4 assets.	4 J.P. Sevilla's e-mail on June 13 to Jason Stubbs		
5 Q Let's look at keep that handy, I am	5 and says, "I have it signed and ready to go,		
6 going to show you another exhibit along these	6 referring to the NDA, I just don't know how to		
7 lines.	7 fill in the first blank describing our company."		
8 MS. REPORTER: It will be 128.	8 Excuse me, that was an e-mail from Mr. Stubbs to		
9 (Document marked Exhibit 128 for	9 Mr. Sevilla and then Mr. Sevilla responds that can		
10 identification.)	10 be left blank, do you see that?		
11 BY MR. BURT:	11 A Yes.		
12 Q This is a somewhat lengthy e-mail	12 Q And then Mr. Stubbs sends an executed copy		
13 exchange, feel free to take a look at it, but I	13 of the NDA and at the top of this e-mail chain is		
14 also can draw your attention to specific portions.	14 an e-mail from Jason Stubbs to J.P. Sevilla on		
15 I will state for the record it is Exhibit 128	15 June 16, 2017 regarding the ATE policy, do you see		
16 Bates label BC SEN0000662979.	16 that?		
Mr. Adamczak, let me know when you are	17 A Yes.		
18 ready.	18 Q And this actually includes, if you look at		
19 A I am ready.	19 the bottom of the next page, responses from		
20 Q The first e-mail, it is hard to see	20 J.P. Sevilla to Jason Stubbs in all caps, do you		
21 because of all of the disclaimers that appear at	21 see that, J.P. writes, "thanks, Jason please see		
22 the end, it is the end of page, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	22 my comment in caps. Isaac, please weigh in."		
23 at the bottom there is an e-mail from J.P. Sevilla	23 A Okay, I do see that.		
24 to a Jason Stubbs at Bartlett Actuarial Group	24 Q So if you go to the next e-mail		
25 dated June 12, 2017?	25 A I see, yes.		

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1 Q In that e-mail you see the all capped	1 optimistic scenarios, do you see that?	
2 comments from Mr. Sevilla. So Mr. Stubbs writes	2 A Correct.	
3 on Friday June 16, "I seem to have confused	3 Q Do you recall him doing that type of work,	
4 myself. In the original dialogue I thought	4 providing three scenarios?	
5 Sentinel would be writing a policy to the	5 A Yes.	
6 plaintiff, UBS, to cover legal costs for the	6 Q And when you testified earlier about the	
7 defendant CB and HFP and affiliates in case UBS	7 actuarial analysis that Mr. Stubbs was doing, is	
8 lost the suit. But the call clarified that the	8 this what you were referring to?	
9 insurance would be for damages, not legal costs,	9 A Yes.	
10 so the policy would really be for CDO and HFP and	10 Q So he would have done this based on	
11 affiliates," and then in all caps it says, "YES,	11 information provided to him by Mr. Sevilla and	
12 THAT IS CORRECT," do you see that?	12 Mr. Leventon and Mr. Kranz?	
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14 Q So it appears that Mr. Stubbs was learning	14 Q And in fact if you look at the second page	
15 about what this proposed policy would be around	15 there is an e-mail from Isaac Levenson to Jason	
16 at or around June 16, 2017, is that right?	16 Stubbs on June 22, where he says, "Jason, please	
17 A Yes, correct.	17 take a look at my modifications in red below.	
18 Q So that's after those figures that	18 Please run the scenarios based on these	
19 Mr. Scrivener had given in that June 12 e-mail,	19 assumptions and then let's determine if it is	
20 right?	20 appropriate to go to a final letter." And we see	
21 A I see, yes.	21 that the red that Mr. Levenson added reflects	
22 MR. WELDON: Objection.	22 probability, he was adjusting probabilities, do	
23 BY MR. BURT:	23 you see that?	
24 Q It very much appears that those figures	24 A Yes.	
25 had been arrived at prior to Mr. Stubbs providing	25 Q And then the same day Mr. Stubbs responds,	
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1 any analysis, is that right?	1 he says, "Using the new probabilities you	
2 A Yes.	2 suggested here are the following expected results,	
3 Q Then Mr. Stubbs says, "Isaac said UBS's	3 Scenario 1, pessimistic, loss of 28.5 million;	
4 case is strong and the defense's strategy would be	4 Scenario 2, moderate, profit of 1.0 million;	
5 to contest the amount of damages," and then in all	5 Scenario 3, optimistic, profit of 3.5 million."	
6 caps it says, "NOT ENTIRELY, part of the strategy	6 It says, 'These all still assume a premium of	
7 is trying to settle and of course part of the	7 20 million and a policy limit of 80 million." Do	
8 strategy would be to win." And Mr. Stubbs writes,	8 you see that?	
9 "So if I am thinking about this correctly Sentinel	9 A Yes.	
10 is going to write a policy for 80 million and it	10 Q It appears that his scenarios were	
11 is likely that the policy will pay some or all of	11 assuming the premium and policy limit that	
12 that limit," and then it says, "that is	12 Mr. Scrivener had described on June 12?	
13 incorrect." And Mr. Stubbs asks further, "Is		
14 there any chance of post judgment interest in 15 addition to the limit?"	14 million of coverage.	
	15 Q Fair enough.	
Do you know why Mr. Sevilla would have	So instead of 85 million he says the	
17 written that it's incorrect that Sentinel was	17 assumption is the policy limit of 80 million?	
18 going to write a policy for 80 million to cover	18 A Sure.	
19 some or all of that limit?	19 Q But otherwise the same premium is used,	
20 A I do not know.	20 correct?	
21 Q If you go up we see on pages beginning	21 A Correct.	
22 on Page 2 and going into Page 3 of the e-mail we	22 Q Were you aware at the time in June of 2017	
23 see feel free to take your time to look at it,	23 about these scenarios in the loss and profits that	
24 three scenarios that Mr. Stubbs is working up, and	24 Mr. Stubbs was calculating?	
25 I think he calls them going from pessimistic to	25 A Yes.	

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1 Q What did you understand about those	1 A That's what it would state.
2 calculations?	2 Q Did Beecher understand that at the time?
3 A That there was these were the	3 A Yes.
4 calculations that were going to determine the	4 Q Was Beecher concerned about that, that
5 ultimate liability that was attached to the policy	5 this policy would result in a loss to Sentinel
6 as well as the premium.	6 even under the most optimistic?
7 Q Mr. Kranz, if we go to Page 16 of the	7 A I don't
8 e-mail chain, Mr. Kranz writes to Mr. Stubbs,	8 MR. WELDON: Objection.
9 "Jason, are you comfortable with the probabilities	9 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
10 in providing a letter outlining the conclusions	10 BY MR. BURT:
11 below? Is it common to request an actuarial	11 Q You recall being aware of it but you don't
12 letter in these types of situations when premiums	12 recall whether it was a concern?
13 and policies are being determined?"	13 MR. WELDON: Objection.
14 A Yes. There has got to be some kind of	14 THE WITNESS: I don't.
15 support for how the premium is determined.	15 BY MR. BURT:
16 Q Then Mr. Stubbs responds on June 22 again	16 Q Let's look at the letter that ends up
17 and he says, "I just realized I had some wayward	17 being submitted on June 27, I think it's the last
18 numbers in my analysis related to ultimate limits	18 few pages of that exhibit. Do you see where I am
	19 looking at that letter?
<ul><li>19 I have been looking at. It only affected Scenario</li><li>20 2. Instead of profit of a million in this</li></ul>	
21 scenario it should have been a loss of	20 A Yes, I am with you.
	Q Okay, perfect.
22 12.5 million. My most sincere apologies for the	22 And here it is the June 27 letter to
23 error."	23 Mr. Kranz from Bartlett Actuarial Group. Now, in
24 Were you aware that he miscalculated first	24 the background section it says in the first
25 on Scenario 2?	25 paragraph, "Sentinel is a captive insurance
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1 A Yes.	1 company domiciled in the Cayman Islands and owned
2 Q So under this sort of not pessimistic/not	2 by SAS Asset Recovery Limited. Sentinel was
3 optimistic but under the moderate scenario his	3 incorporated on March 1, 2014 to provide directors
4 actuarial analysis was that this policy would	4 and officers liability coverage to SAS Asset
5 result in a loss of 12.5 million to Sentinel, is	5 Recovery Limited and its affiliated entities.
6 that right?	6 Sentinel would to provide" looks like there is
7 MR. WELDON: Objection.	7 a typo there "ATE insurance company to
8 THE WITNESS: It would appear so.	8 unrelated parties, Highland Special Opportunities
9 BY MR. BURT:	9 Holding Company and codefendants, collectively
10 Q And then in his next e-mail, he says,	10 Highlands, related to a lawsuit that has been
11 Mr. Stubbs says, "I spoke too soon, both Scenario	11 filed against Highlands."
12 2 and Scenario 3 were affected. Using the	Do you know where he got the idea that the
13 probabilities provided by Isaac there would also	13 parties were unrelated?
14 be a loss in the third scenario of 0.5 million.	14 A Either through discussions with Beecher
15 Apparently I was in favor of looking at lower	15 Carlson or J.P. Sevilla.
11 6 1::4 1 6 4 4 4 4	
16 limits and forgot to reset the assumptions back to	16 Q As we have discussed the parties had
17 what I provided originally."	17 common ownership though, right?
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157  1 BY MR. BURT:  2 Q And how is that?	point to CIMA that all are related in some way, Sentinel UBO ultimately controls the insureds."	159
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3 A Because we were talking about from an	3 Do you see that?	
4 insurance standpoint affiliated risks were those	4 A Yes.	
5 in the direct line of the parent, whereas the	5 Q Do you recall telling CIMA that fact, that	
6 unrelated risks would be more distant cousins or	6 the Sentinel UBOs ultimately controls the	
7 other entities not closely related to Sentinel.	7 insureds?	
8 Q So it's that distinction that you had made	8 A I don't recall.	
9 before?	9 Q Do you recall writing that at the time in	
10 A Correct.	10 2019?	
11 Q Is that a distinction that when you were	11 A Yes.	
12 discussing with CIMA that you made that did you	12 Q Why did you tell that to Mr. Stubbs?	
13 make that same distinction?	13 A I don't recall.	
14 MR. WELDON: Objection.	14 Q Is it were you correct that the	
15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I believe so.	15 Sentinel UBO ultimately controls the insureds, was	
MR. BURT: One moment, please.	16 that Beecher's understanding?	
17 (Document marked Exhibit 129 for	17 A The insureds of the ATE?	
18 identification.)	18 Q Correct.	
19 MR. BURT: Keep that prior exhibit handy,	19 A Correct.	
20 but we will look at this one.	20 Q So not only did the Sentinel UBOs we	
21 BY MR. BURT:	21 have established are Mr. Dondero and	
22 Q Handing you what's been marked as	22 Mr. Ellington, correct?	
23 Exhibit 129, Bates BCS EN a bunch of 0s, 5065.	23 A Correct.	
24 Let me know when you are ready.	24 Q So not only did they own at least part of	
25 A I am ready.	25 the Highland, Highland Capital and its entities,	
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1 Q So looking at the first page here, this is	1 but you state also they controlled those insureds	
2 in the May, 2019 period and you have second	2 as well, correct?	
3 e-mail down is from you to Mr. Stubbs, again, on	3 A Yes.	
4 May 9, 2019, do you see that?	4 Q And that was Beecher's understanding?	
5 A Yes.	5 A Yes.	
6 Q And this regards the Sentinel year-end	6 Q And if you actually if you actually	
7 actuarial analysis, right?	7 look at this draft report, and we look at Page 3,	
8 A Yes.	8 it is actually the attachment that Mr. Stubbs sent	
9 Q Did you testify before, and I apologize if	9 back, it says, "Hi Tom, here is the revised draft	
10 I misunderstood, that he did a yearly actuarial	10 report." And if we go to the third paragraph on	
11 analysis?	11 Page 3 we will see that it's taken out the	
12 A Correct. That's for determining the loss	12 affiliated language so it states, "As of August 1,	
13 reserves.	13 2017, Sentinel began providing after the event	
14 Q Understood. Okay.	14 insurance coverage. Sentinel has currently	
15 So here you write, "I have a few edits	15 written one ATE policy to Highland Special	
16 based on the recent examination." What	16 Opportunities Holding Company and codefendants,	
17 examination were you referring to?	17 collectively Highlands, relating to a lawsuit that	
18 A This is the inspection that CIMA conducted	18 has been filed against Highlands." Do you see	
19 in early 2019.	19 that?	
20 Q The first bullet, we will skip that.	20 A Yes, I do see that.	
21 The second bullet, Page 3, third	21 Q So Mr. Stubbs followed your edited and	
22 paragraph, you write, "I want to get Matt to weigh	22 took the affiliate out?	
23 in here as it references the ATE coverage being	23 A Yes.	
24 provided to unaffiliated entities," and you have	24 Q Do you recall that?	
25 unaffiliated in quotes, "yet we keep making the	25 A Yes.	

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1 Q Let's go back to the June 27, 2017 letter	1 A That's what it says.	
2 that Mr. Stubbs wrote. In the last paragraph on	2 Q Again, that was information provided by	
3 the first page under background it states, "The	3 Mr. Leventon and Mr. Sevilla?	
4 plaintiff in the lawsuit is seeking damages of	4 A Correct.	
5 over 680 million from Highlands. Sentinel is	5 Q Liability reduced in judgment 40%	
6 proposing to write a policy to cover Highlands	6 probability, 40 million expected payout. The	
7 liability to the plaintiff up to a limit of 80	7 total so the probability totals to 100% and the	
8 million and they have suggested a premium of 20	8 expected payout totals to 48.5 million.	
9 million." Do you see that?	9 Do you know how he arrives at the	
10 A I do.	10 48.5 million?	
11 Q So Mr. Stubbs here is saying it appears	11 A Math?	
12 that Sentinel has suggested that the premium be 20	12 Q Is it just an average?	
13 million, right?	13 A I think it is the average based on the	
14 A That would appear to be the case.	14 probabilities.	
15 Q And that would be consistent also with	15 Q So a weighted average?	
16 what CIMA found in that report that we already	16 A Yes.	
17 looked at about how the premium was arrived, do	17 Q Then he lists the premium there of 20	
18 you recall that?	18 million and then so the profit loss in the	
19 A I don't recall that.	19 pessimistic scenario based on the probabilities	
20 Q We can come back to that in a moment.	20 and the weighted average would be negative	
21 It states, "The policy would cover pre and	21 28.5 million the way the policy is written, right?	
22 post judgment interest within the limit and would	22 A Correct.	
23 pay in the event of a judgment against Highlands	23 Q So I don't want to belabor, Scenario 2,	
24 or pretrial settlement between the parties to the	24 the same analysis, this is the moderate scenario,	
25 lawsuit. Legal expenses would not be covered.	25 he calculates the profit loss at negative	
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1 The court has set a trial date of September,	1 12.5 million, correct?	
2 2017." Okay.	2 A Correct.	
On Page 2 we see Scenarios 1 and 2 that we	3 Q And Scenario 3, the next page, again, same	
4 looked at in the e-mail exchange, and I just want	4 analysis, this time this is the optimistic	
5 to make sure I am understanding these right.	5 scenario and he calculates the profit loss on the	
6 Under Scenario 1, and I think he said this was the	6 policy negative 0.5 million, is that right?	
7 pessimistic outcome.	7 A Correct.	
8 A Yes.	8 Q Is it common to write policies when the	
9 Q He has here a pretrial settlement, the	9 actuary has determined that under any scenario	
10 probability is 5% and the expected payout would be	10 there will be a loss on the policy?	
11 10 million on that probability, is that right?	11 A No.	
12 A That's what it says.	12 Q Do you know why this one was written even	
13 Q Do you know how he arrives at the expected	13 though that's what the actuary found?	
14 payout number based on the probability?	14 A I do not.	
15 A I believe those were numbers that were	15 Q Did Beecher have any involvement in making	
16 provided in the discussion with Isaac and J.P.	16 the final determination to issue the policy?	
17 Q The next line is judgment in favor of	17 A Sorry, say that again?	
18 Highlands, so the defendant, probability 15% and	18 Q It might not have been clear.	
19 then in that case there would be zero payout,	Did Beecher have any involvement in the	
20 right, because they won?	20 decision to actually end up issuing the policy?	
21 A Correct.	21 A No.	
22 Q And then judgment in favor of plaintiff,	22 MR. WELDON: Objection.	
23 the full liability, 686 million plus pre and post	23 BY MR. BURT:	
24 judgment interests probability 40% expected payout	Q Who would have made that decision	
25 80 million, is that right?	25 ultimately to issue the policy?	

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1 A The directors ultimately approved the ATE	1 forward with these, can you please give a final
2 policy.	2 review and add signature pages and any other final
3 Q And at the time was it outside directors	3 cleanups, we will enter the correct signature
4 or was there also Highland directors?	4 blocks. Below are the names of the insureds.
5 A It was outside directors at that time.	5 There will be two separate policies, one for each
6 Q Does Beecher have any insight into how the	6 of the below entities. We will handle filling out
7 directors decided to issue the policy despite this	7 the schedule and final numbers." And then he
8 actuarial analysis that had been done?	8 lists Highland CDO Opportunity Fund and Highland
9 A This wouldn't have been the final premium	9 CDO Holding Company.
10 that was contemplated. The premium actually	10 That is what Mr. Sevilla said on
11 jumped up to 25 million, I don't know how it would	11 August 14, right?
12 have affected this.	12 Were you aware sorry, you need to
13 Q One moment, please.	13 answer audibly.
14 I guess my next question is how that	14 A Yes.
15 decision was made or how it came to be that the	15 Q Were you aware there was two policies
16 premium did jump up by the 5 million.	16 being considered at that point?
17 A I don't know.	17 A Yes.
18 Q Did Beecher have any involvement with	18 Q What was your understanding for the
19 that?	19 reasons why?
20 A I do not know.	20 A Well, I personally wasn't aware so I
21 Q Sorry, let's go back to, I lost track of	21 don't know
22 the exhibit, it is the e-mails with Paul	22 Q But Beecher was generally?
23 Scrivener, see if this will help refresh your	23 A Beecher would have been because Pete was
24 memory, it is Exhibit 127.	24 copied on these.
25 So the next we have looked at that	25 Q And so Beecher was aware.
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1 June 12 e-mail. The next-in-time e-mail is from	1 Did you ever have discussions with
2 J.P. Sevilla to Paul Scrivener on August 4, 2017.	2 Mr. Kranz about that at the time?
I do have a question about that date, the	3 A About there being two policies, no.
4 August 4 date. If you look at the policy itself	4 Q Or the reasons why it eventually ended up
5 on the schedule that we were looking at, the date	5 as just one?
6 of commencement of period of insurance is	6 A No.
7 August 1, 2017.	7 Q And then the next e-mail Mr. Sevilla
8 A Yes.	8 writes, 'One more point, Paul, can you please add
9 Q How is it that the date of insurance could	9 language into the policy that specifies that the
10 begin before the drafts of the policy were	10 insurance policies will cover the insured's own
11 finalized?	11 costs and expenses as of the effective date, thank
12 A I don't think it's uncommon that the	12 you." Do you see that?
13 policy language might be finalized shortly after	13 A I do.
14 the policy accepts.	14 Q So we had seen before that it would not
15 Q So it applies retroactively back to a	15 fund the legal costs, here Mr. Sevilla changes
16 date?	16 that to the policy would cover the insured's own
17 A In this case, yes.	17 costs, right?
18 Q And that's not uncommon?	18 A Yes.
19 A It happens.	19 Q Does Beecher know the reasons why the
20 MR. WELDON: Off the record, I just I	20 switch?
21 will point you to the	21 A I don't know particularly related to the
22 MS. REPORTER: We are still on the record	22 legal costs, but I understand from J.P. that upon
23 we have video.	23 payment of the premium there were no funds to be
24 BY MR. BURT:	24 able to pay any business costs or legal costs or
25 Q Mr. Sevilla writes, "We are ready to move	25 whatever within the insureds so those costs would
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1 be borne by Sentinel under this own costs	1 exclusion if the insureds didn't have any funds to
2 provision.	2 prosecute the action then the policy wouldn't
3 Q And that was because the whole idea was to	3 cover it and that was removed, does that appear
4 transfer all of the assets out of the insureds?	4 correct?
5 A Correct.	5 A That is what it would appear.
6 Q Going to the first page of this e-mail,	6 Q And to the best of your understanding, is
7 Mr. Sevilla has some final changes on August 8,	7 that because all of the funds again were being
8 2017, this is the second to last e-mail in the	8 transferred out of the insureds to Sentinel?
9 chain, here he says, number one, he would like to	9 A I don't know.
10 consolidate the policies into one policy with	10 Q You don't know that one, okay.
11 three insureds, all of whom are codefendants with	11 That was your that was Beecher's
12 equal liability, do you see any issue in doing so,	12 understanding
13 do you see that?	13 MR. WELDON: Objection.
14 A I do.	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 Q Do you recall we walked through the	15 Q that all the assets were to be sent to
16 schedule?	16 Sentinel?
17 A I do.	17 A That is.
18 Q One of them is not a defendant, right?	18 Q Pete Kranz then responds at the very top
19 A Correct.	19 and he says, "I see no issues with one policy," so
20 Q Would that have affected this because one	20 Beecher Carlson at the time had no issue combining
21 of the defendants would not share an equal	21 the two into one, it appears?
22 liability, would that have affected the policy?	22 A Correct.
23 A I don't know.	23 (Document marked Exhibit 130 for
24 Q And then he says the policy limit is 120	24 identification.)
25 million and the premium will be 30 million, so	25
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1 here we are on August, 2017, we get new policy	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 limit numbers and new premium numbers. Was	2 Q Mr. Adamczak, I have handed you what has
3 Beecher aware of that at the time?	3 been marked as Exhibit 130 with the Bates label
4 A As Pete Kranz was copied on this we would	4 HCMUBS005304, and I understand this was not
5 have been aware.	5 produced by Beecher. So my question for you is
6 Q Any knowledge about why the change from 80	6 whether you have ever seen this before.
7 to 120?	7 A This does not look familiar to me.
8 A I do not know.	8 Q If we look at Page 6, and I will represent
9 Q Or from 20 to 30 million on the premium?	9 to you this is a document that Highland Capital
10 A I do not know.	10 produced in litigation, if we look at Page 6 it
11 Q It was Beecher's understanding, was it	11 says if Highland settles," and then it says
12 not, that these changes were coming from	12 'Sentinel controls HFP CDO fund assets currently
140 14 (1 11 0	140 OA III 1 C 1 IIICMID IIED CDO
13 Mr. Sevilla?	13 94 million and Sentinel and HCM LP can use HFP CDO
14 A Correct.	14 assets to generate cash to pay UBS settlement city
<ul><li>14 A Correct.</li><li>15 Q And then No. 3, I want to look at, I have</li></ul>	14 assets to generate cash to pay UBS settlement city 15 and outstanding legal fees." And it talks about a
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14 A Correct. 15 Q And then No. 3, I want to look at, I have 16 a question about, it says, "Finally, please remove 17 the clause that says in Section 3 that it's an 18 exclusion if insured does not have funds to 19 prosecute the action." 20 So my first question is what is an 21 exclusion in an insurance policy? 22 A An exclusion is a clause that identifies	14 assets to generate cash to pay UBS settlement city 15 and outstanding legal fees." And it talks about a 16 tax liability being avoided and then it states 17 that residual assets up to 50 million would stay 18 at Sentinel. 19 My question for you is did Beecher have 20 any role in this settlement analysis or these 21 considerations? 22 A No.

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1 buys 90 million ATE policy from Sentinel. ATE	1 A I do.	
2 premium equals all assets in the HFP/CDO fund," do	2 Q I assume your answer is the same, you are	
3 you see that?	3 not aware at the time of those discussions to end	
4 A I do.	4 up in a scenario where Sentinel would keep	
5 Q Again, the question is did Beecher have	5 \$50 million worth of assets?	
6 any knowledge that this was the consideration	6 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and	
7 going on internally at Highland at the time?	7 answered.	
8 MR. WELDON: Objection.	8 THE WITNESS: I was not.	
9 THE WITNESS: This being?	9 BY MR. BURT:	
10 BY MR. BURT:	10 Q Real quick, back on Slide 6, I neglected	
11 Q That the ATE premium would be all assets	11 to ask, they state here that the fund that	
12 and that the policy of HFP CDO fund and the policy	12 Sentinel controls the HFP CDO fund assets	
13 would be a \$90 million policy?	13 currently 94 million. Do you have any knowledge	
14 MR. WELDON: Objection.	14 about how that value was arrived at?	
15 THE WITNESS: Is HFP CDO fund the insureds	15 A I do not.	
16 in the policy?	16 Q And it was your knowledge it was	
17 BY MR. BURT:	17 Beecher's knowledge at the time that was yet to be	
18 Q Well, let's look at the policy. I think	18 determined?	
19 you have it right there.	19 MR. WELDON: Objection.	
20 MR. WELDON: Exhibit 125.	20 THE WITNESS: I don't know the timeframe	
21 THE WITNESS: Okay.	21 that this was prepared.	
22 BY MR. BURT:	22 BY MR. BURT:	
23 Q So HFP is not listed as an insured,	23 Q I am talking about the May/June 2017	
24 correct?	24 timeframe those e-mails we were looking at.	
25 A Well, I don't know what the acronym is	25 A We knew nothing of the fair value of the	
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1 there.	1 assets that would be received.	
2 Q If you look under legal action do you see	2 Q So looking at Slide 6 and 8, they value,	
3 there is an entity about halfway down called	3 it appears, the assets at 94 million and wanted to	
4 Highland Financial Partners, LP?	4 purchase a \$90 million ATE policy. Do you see	
5 A Yes. But that's taking the assumption	5 that?	
6 that HFP stands for Highland Financial Partners,	6 A Yes.	
7 but I see where you are going.	7 Q And that all the assets would fund the ATE	
8 Q You never heard as Highland Financial	8 premium, so the 94 million under this scenario	
9 Partners referred to as HFP?	9 would fund the premium.	
10 A I have.	10 MR. WELDON: Objection.	
11 Q And it is not listed as one of the	11 BY MR. BURT:	
12 insureds above in the schedule, Highland Financial	12 Q Is that right?	
13 Partners?	13 A It was the understanding at the time that	
14 A Correct.	14 the ATE policy was issued that all funds or assets	ł
15 Q So, again, the question is did Beecher	15 within the insureds would transfer to Sentinel to	ı
16 have any involvement with these discussions	16 pay premium.	
17 regarding a potential settlement structure and	17 Q You can set that exhibit aside.	
18 policy?	18 A Are we going to need a lot of these?	
19 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and	19 Q I would keep the policy, that one you	
20 answered.	20 can set the other ones aside.	
21 THE WITNESS: No.	MR. BURT: Why don't we take a break, we	
22 BY MR. BURT:	22 only have a few minutes left on the disk.	
23 Q And then the conclusion you see on that	23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of	
24 slide is that Sentinel keeps the net assets, could	24 Disk No. 3 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak,	
25 be up to \$50 million, do you see that?	25 we are off the record at 2:10.	

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1 (Recess taken.)	1 expectation it will limit issues/concerns with the
THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 4	2 future audit."
3 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are back	3 And that you ended up hiring Valuation
4 on the record at 2:17.	4 what was the name?
5 (Document marked Exhibit 131 for	5 A Valuation Research Corporation.
6 identification.)	6 Q Did David Roberts recommend them?
7 BY MR. BURT:	7 A I think that might have been a
8 Q Mr. Adamczak, showing you what's been	8 recommendation coming from him.
9 marked as Exhibit 131 with the Bates BC	9 Q Now, in the May on May 23, 2017 you
10 SEN000046128. Go ahead and take a look at that	10 knew that Sentinel was looking to receive these
11 and let me when you are ready.	11 assets as premium on an ATE policy, right?
12 A I am ready.	12 A We were provided with a list of assets
13 Q This is an e-mail to you David A. Roberts	13 from J.P. I do not know if these were the assets
14 at Crowe Horwath on May 23, 2017, is that right?	14 that ultimately came in or the value of them
15 A Correct.	15 coming in.
16 Q Who is David Roberts?	16 Q So that was you answered my next
17 A David Roberts is a partner in an audit	17 question, which was where did this come from, it
18 firm that we typically work with.	18 was from J.P. Sevilla.
19 Q And is that from you referred to them	19 MR. WELDON: Objection.
20 as Crowe?	20 BY MR. BURT:
21 A Crowe Horwath, shortened their name to	21 Q Is that right?
22 Crowe.	22 A That is correct.
23 Q Are they located in Burlington?	23 Q Although Beecher was holding books and
24 A They have an office in Burlington.	24 records for Sentinel at the time as its captive
25 Q I saw their building over there.	25 insurance manager, these were not at the time part
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1 And did he work on the Sentinel auditing	1 of anything that Sentinel owned, is that right?
2 for	2 A Correct.
3 A No.	3 Q How did you know that they were not
4 Q He did not?	4 readily marketable at the time?
5 A No.	5 A Based on discussions with J.P.
6 Q Why did you e-mail him at this time?	6 Q When did J.P. first raise this with you?
7 A Just to touch base with him regarding	7 A When they were talking about writing the
8 investment valuation if there were any	8 policy. I believe it was always known or conveyed
9 recommendations that they might have for firms	9 to us from J.P. that the investments would that
10 that we could reach out to engage.	10 they did not have enough cash to pay and the
11 Q So here you write, "Dave, do you have a	11 premium would come in the form of assets, on
12 few minutes to discuss an item on Sentinel."	12 liquid assets.
13 Did he know who Sentinel was?	13 Q Is that common with insurance policies
14 A I think we bounced some things off him	14 that premiums come not in cash but through other
15 before.	15 types of assets?
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16 Q It says, "It is not an audit issue yet, 17 but I would like to pick your brain so it doesn't	16 A It can happen. It doesn't happen 17 frequently but it can happen.
18 become an issue after next year. I have attached	18 Q How about with the types of assets that
19 a list of investments that Sentinel is looking to	19 were ultimately transferred here, is that a unique
20 receive as premium payment on the new after the	20 situation?
21 event coverage they will begin writing shortly.	21 A This was a unique situation.
22 Since these investments are not readily marketable	22 Q You had never seen this type of transfer
23 my concern is with valuation. Pete indicated you	23 before?
24 might be able to provide suggestions on firms we	24 A I have not.
25 can engage to assist in valuing these with the	25 Q And how many different insurance policies

would you say you have worked on or managed over 2 the years?   1 the premium will be satisfied by the transfer of 2 the hedge fund's investment portfolios. Has any 3 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 5 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 5 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought of such as 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought of the valid been given to the legal validity of such a 4 thought of the was for the legal validity of such a 4 thought of the valid been with such as 4 thought of such as 5 and 5 the VLS. Rigidal or gainst the units of its stank the 3 part of such as 5 and 5 an	Conducted on	April 12, 2022
3 A In all of my years? 4 Q Yes. 4 Tousands. 5 A Thousands. 6 Q And you have never seen anything like 7 this? 8 A If doesn't mean that it is not possible to 9 happen. 10 Q What about it stands out as unique, what 11 happened with these transfers? 12 A Rephrase the question. 13 Q So you said it was unique. 14 A Unique in that the premium was in the form 15 of non-marketable securities. 16 Q So referring back to this exhibit, beyond 17 just a list that was provided by J.P., did Beecher 18 have any knowledge whatsoever about these assets 19 at the time or what they were or their value? 20 A No, we did not. 21 Q Did you do anything further with this list 22 that J.P. gave you? 23 A No. 24 Q You can set that one aside. 25 I did — I actually lied, there is one 2 further thing I wanted to ask you in 127. 3 Before I ask that I have one more question 4 as I am thinking about unique, were they unique 5 also in that the value of the assets would be 6 greater than the amount of the premium? 7 MR. WELDON: Objection. 8 THE WINNESS: The value of the assets was unknown at the time because there was no valuation 10 done, so there was a risk that it could be a greater than the amount of the premium? 4 MR. BURDON: Objection. 8 THE WINNESS: The value of the assets was unknown at the time because there was no valuation 10 done, so there was a risk that it could be a 11 windfall to Sentinel and there was also a risk 12 that everything could be worthless. 13 BYMR. BURT: 14 Q So looking very quickly at Exhibit 127, 1 15 actually wanted to look at the first-in-time 16 c-mail from Paul Scrivener to J.P. Sevills and 1 ransfer bearing in mind that these assets will then be purity that the was a risk 12 with the premium has to be returned or is set aside as some unknown at the ime because there was no valuation 10 done, so there was a risk that it could be a 1 windfall to Sentinel and there was also a risk 1 could be 1 windfall to Sentinel and there was also a risk 1 could be 2 were insured?  15 Py MR. BURT: 16 Q So looking very quickly at	1 would you say you have worked on or managed over	1 the premium will be satisfied by the transfer of
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1 A There is, and I don't know if they were	1 coming back to that one?
2 the ones that had put this together or who was	2 MR. BURT: To the extent we can get those
3 involved with it.	3 answers, yes.
4 Q So it is important for us to understand if	4 THE WITNESS: All set with the other
5 Beecher did anything else beyond just brokering	5 documents?
6 under this agreement and as the 30(b)(6) witness	6 MR. BURT: Keep the policy handy, that is
7 is that something that you could take a break and	7 a key one.
8 call somebody or get information on, would that be	8 (Document marked Exhibit 133 for
9 hard to find out?	9 identification.)
10 A I don't know that there was any additional	10 BY MR. BURT:
11 work that was done after the policy was issued.	11 Q Handing you 133 Bates labeled BC
12 Q No, I understand.	12 SEN00000614525, which is the purchase agreement.
13 And getting that confirmation is something	13 Mr. Adamczak, are you familiar with this
14 that is important for us. Is that something that	14 document?
15 could easily be confirmed on a short break?	15 A I am.
16 A I don't maybe. I don't know.	16 Q And what is your understanding of what it
17 Q Maybe at our next break you can discuss	17 is?
18 with counsel, we would appreciate it, we don't	18 A This was the document that controlled the
19 want to hold it open for that, but if it's an easy	19 assets that were transferred as premium under the
20 answer that would be helpful.	20 ATE policy.
21 A And you are looking just to confirm	21 Q Looking first at the signature pages here,
22 whether there was any additional work that was	22 it's the third and fourth pages, you see that
23 done?	23 Mr. Dondero signed on behalf of all the Highland
24 MR. WELDON: Under the broker agreement.	24 entities, is that right?
25 MR. BURT: Under this.	25 A That is correct.
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1 MR. WELDON: I understand where you are.	1 Q And that would have been consistent with
2 MR. BURT: Perfect.	2 Beecher's understanding that at least he was a
3 BY MR. BURT:	3 part owner and controller of these entities,
4 Q Okay, great.	4 correct?
5 I was just going to ask on the broker	5 A Correct.
6 agreement did J.P. or any of the other Highland	6 Q Then looking at let's turn to Schedule A
7 employees did they present this as an opportunity	7 of the policy, now, we had looked at the
8 or did they just say they want you to do this, how	8 Exhibit 131 where you had been provided by
9 did this come to pass?	9 J.P. Sevilla a list of assets that was had come
10 A I don't remember how that came up.	10 from Highland and you were unfamiliar with, do you
11 Q Maybe if you could add that to the list of	11 recall that?
12 how it was presented.	12 A Yes.
13 MR. WELDON: I got it.	13 Q And now we are looking here at Schedule A,
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 the actual assets that were included as part of
15 Q Do you know whether any conflicts can	15 the APA.
16 arise in this type of situation where Beecher on	What role did Beecher have in arriving at
17 the one hand is doing the brokerage here and on	17 or determining which assets should appear on
18 the other hand is the captive insurance manager?	18 Schedule A?
19 A I am not aware of any conflicts, and as I	19 A None.
20 explained this is not uncommon to have the same	Q Who made those decisions?
21 entity represent them from a captive management	21 MR. WELDON: Objection.
22 standpoint and a brokerage standpoint.	22 BY MR. BURT:
23 Q Let's look next at the purchase agreement	23 Q If you know.
24 that accompanied the policy, that is Tab 30.	24 A This was provided by J.P. as part of the
25 MR. WELDON: Are you done with that one or	25 assets that would be transferred in.

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1 Q Do you know when he first provided that to	1 understand Mr. Sevilla's hats that he was wearing,
2 Beecher?	2 was he providing the Schedule A assets to Beecher
3 A Sometime in sometime after the policy	3 as working for the insureds on that side or just
4 was incepted, so after August 1.	4 J.P. would send us everything?
5 Q You have used that I want to make sure	5 A I don't know.
6 I am understanding insurance terminology	6 Q So he was just the point of contact.
7 correctly. You have used the term incepted for	7 A He was the point of contact.
8 the policy, does that just mean the beginning?	8 Q And whether it related to Highland or
9 A Yes.	9 whether it related to Sentinel J.P. was the point
10 Q We are not talking about the movie or	10 of contact?
11 anything.	11 A He was the point of contact.
12 A No.	12 Q Would that be the same for Matt DiOrio, he
13 Q So the beginning of the policy. So after	13 was the point of contact whether it related to
14 the policy is signed Beecher is provided the	14 Highland or Sentinel?
15 Schedule A assets?	15 A Correct.
16 A Correct.	16 Q So looking first at the assets listed
17 Q Do you recall whether the purchase	17 under Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund, LP, we
18 agreement was signed after the policy was	18 see at the very bottom cash is listed in the
19 incepted?	19 amount of 7.779 million.
20 A I believe it was, but I don't fully	20 Are you familiar with these other assets
21 recall.	21 that are listed?
22 Q Now, J.P. provided it. Did he provide it	22 A I am.
23 in the context of	23 Q Now, I think you testified earlier that
24 MR. WELDON: Just for the record, I mean,	24 some assets did not actually end up being
25 the purchase agreement says August 7, 2017, the	25 transferred, is that right, to Sentinel, they were
194	23 transferred, is that right, to sentine, they were
1 policy was August 1.	1 intended to be but weren't transferred?
2 MR. BURT: Right, that's a fair point.	2 A No. I said the assets were not registered
The policy is August 1 and the purchase agreement	3 in Sentinel's name.
4 is dated August 7, 2017.	4 Q Were they registered in someone else's
5 MR. WELDON: And I think there was	5 name?
6 something that this has already been addressed,	6 A Whoever they were registered in before.
7 that the payment was due by August 30th.	7 It wasn't like they were registered in anyone
MD DIDT. Descripes payment. That is in	8 else's name the intention was that when the
9 the policy, that's right.	9 assets were transferred in they would be put into
10 BY MR. BURT:	10 Sentinel's name. That to my knowledge never took
11 Q So my question is, so J.P. provided this	11 place. Whether somebody transferred into somebody
12 list to Beecher. Now, what I want to understand,	12 else's name, I am not aware of.
13 and see if you can help me, it seems like J.P.	13 Q But you are aware that some assets were
14 wears a number of hats. We have talked about him	14 intended to go to Sentinel but they were never
15 a lot today in the context of communications he	15 registered in Sentinel's name?
16 had on behalf of Sentinel, right, where he would	16 A All of the assets were intended to go to
17 communicate to Beecher on Sentinel issues. And we	17 Sentinel.
18 have seen him on a lot of e-mails to that extent	18 Q I want to make sure I am not
19 as well, is that right?	19 misunderstanding, are you saying also that all of
20 A Yes. It's not uncommon for any one of our	20 the assets are not registered in Sentinel's name
21 captives for us to have only one contact that we	21 or just some of them were not registered in 22 Sentinel's name?
22 are dealing with at the sponsoring organization or	
23 parent entity.	23 A Some of them were not registered in

24 Sentinel's name.

25 Q Got it, thanks. I apologize if I was slow

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Q No, and that's fine.

And my question is, again, just trying to

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1	on the uptake there.	1	Q And	
2	So let's just look at some of these	2	A The CIBC investment custody account. So	
3	assets.	3	anything that was in that custody account of the	
4	So the first asset here is Aberdeen LN FDG	4	assets that were transferred in that made their	
5	LTD PFD. Do you know if that was an asset that	5	way into Sentinel would be in that custody	
6	was registered in Sentinel's name?	6	account. They couldn't hold anything in that	
7	A I don't believe it was.	7	custody account that was not in Sentinel's name.	
8	Q Do you know who owned it prior to	8	MR. BURT: Maybe can we go off the record	
9	Sentinel?	9	for just a second?	
10	A According to the schedule Highland CDO	10	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the	
11	Opportunity Master Fund, LP.	11	record, the time is 2:44.	
12	Q To the best of Beecher's knowledge if it	12	(Recess taken.)	
13	wasn't registered in Sentinel's name Beecher's	13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going on the	
14	knowledge is it would still be a Highland CDO	14	record, the time is 2:57.	
	opportunity?	15	BY MR. BURT:	
16	A That is correct.	16	Q So, Mr. Adamczak, I want to go back, I	
17	Q How about the next two Southforks,	17	believe during the break you were able to run down	
18	Southforks CLO Ltd PFD 144A and then the Southfork	18	some answers on Exhibit 132, which was the	
19	underneath that. Were those registered in	19	document appointing Beecher Carlson as the	
20	Sentinel's name?	20	authorized representative of the insureds.	
21	A I believe they were.	21	So with respect to the services that were	
22		22	provided under the agreement, this authorization,	
23			what were you able to find?	
24		24		
25	for UBS to understand where these assets are so,	25	just the work that was initially done on the ATE	
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1	yes, we do need to. And if there is some you	1	policy.	
2	don't know and need to check that's fine, we can	2	Q So in brokering the ATE policy?	
3	take a break and have you check.	3	A Correct.	
4	MR. WELDON: Is there a list that's	4	Q That was it, nothing further.	
5	provided relative to what assets have been	5	A Correct.	
6	registered, is that what you are asking?	6	Q So the \$50,000 fee, was that a one-time	
7	MR. BURT: We want to understand which	7	payment to Beecher Carlson?	
8	assets were registered at Sentinel and which	8	A One-time.	
9	assets were not registered in Sentinel's name.	9	Q For Beecher, just so I am clear, what did	
10	That is a really important piece for us.	10	what does brokering the agreement mean?	
11		11		
12	of it.	12	policy together, finalizing it, I guess. I am not	
13			familiar with that side of the operations.	
	don't have a list in your document production that	14		
	identifies the ones that were listed ultimately in		policies dated retroactive to August 1 as we see	
	the name of the		and this is dated November 20, 2017.	
17		17		
	don't think that was something that was produced,	18		
	no.		explain that?	
20		20	•	
	BY MR. BURT:		document. I think it was something that came in	
22			after the fact to complete the files.	
23		23		
	would also be identified by looking at what's held		policy was being put together that it was	
	in the custody account.		brokering for the insureds?	
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1 A Yes.	1 records, the interim financial statement records.
2 Q And so you can't give me any details about	2 Q So the interim financial statement records
3 the work that was that Beecher did as far as	3 of Beecher would show which of these assets ended
4 brokering for the insureds?	4 up at a Sentinel account at CIBC?
5 A I wasn't a part of that work so I don't	5 A Correct.
6 know how much or what specifically was done.	6 Q And the CIBC account, we talked about the
7 Q Going back to we were looking at	7 checking account. Would this be the other CIBC
8 Schedule A, I want to ask we were going list by	8 account?
9 list, I want to ask you a few high-level questions	9 A This is the investment custody account.
10 just to confirm a few points.	10 Q All of the assets that ended up being
So the assets that were not registered in	11 registered to Sentinel went to that CIBC
12 Sentinel's name to Beecher's knowledge remained in	12 investment custody account?
13 the accounts under the entity listed on Schedule	13 A Correct.
14 A, so, for example, the Aberdeen in the first	14 Q And so if we looked at that and we did not
15 line, not registered in Sentinel's name, would	15 see one of the Schedule A assets on that account
16 have remained at the Highland CDO Opportunity	16 it would we can conclude that that was not
	17 successfully registered in Sentinel's name, is
17 Master Fund, LP account, is that right?	
18 A I don't know, but that's my understanding.	18 that right?
19 Q Do you know what bank Highland CDO	MR. WELDON: Objection.
20 Opportunity Master Fund, LP was using?	20 THE WITNESS: Either it wasn't registered
21 A I don't necessarily know that there is a	21 in Sentinel's name or it has been since disposed
22 custody account that these investments would sit	22 of either through bankruptcy proceedings or
23 in.	23 whatever liquidation or whatever would have
24 Q Where would they be located?	24 happened with the asset.
25 A I don't know.	25
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1 Q Would Beecher have access to that	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 information?	2 Q Well, right. But I am talking just about
3 A No.	3 the Sentinel record because Sentinel hasn't gone
4 MR. WELDON: Just so we are clear, you are	4 :
· ·	4 into bankruptcy or liquidation.
5 talking about accounts where they are coming from?	5 A I am talking about the investments, each
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1	involves a letter that the directors send to State	1	with the trustee or wherever it is and Sentinel	
2	Street or whoever the custodian was that was	2	has to go out and grab that through this process.	
3	holding those assets or funds.	3	Q Of sending a letter?	
4	Q And that letter says essentially send the	4	A Of sending a letter signed by somebody on	
5	distributions to Sentinel?	5	behalf of Sentinel. I am not part of that	
6	A I believe, yes.	6	process.	
7	Q Even though they are not registered in	7	Q Does Beecher receive copies of those	
8	Sentinel's name?	8	letters?	
9	A Correct.	9	A I have seen copies of it in the past.	
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1	the funds would flow automatically.		1 in the June, 2021 timeframe are they continuing to	
12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		2 do that, send those letters to give those	
	into the account of, for example, Highland CDO	13	3 distributions?	
14	Opportunity Fund?	14		
15		15	5 resigned.	
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	those transfers is that transfers over?		7 knowledge CLO distributions that were not	
18			8 registered in Sentinel's name Sentinel has not	
19		19	9 received distributions since Matt resigned?	
	trying to understand, the directors contact State	20		
	Street or another entity financial entity to tell	21	•	
22	them these distributions need to come to us?	22	2 CLO trustee or whomever?	
23		23		
24		24		
25	A With respect to the CLO investments they	25	5 CLOs would Beecher know who the trustee was or	
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1	will typically pay out a distribution quarterly.	1	what account was used?	
2	Q And when is the next distribution set to	2	A No.	
3	hit?	3	Q That is beyond Beecher's knowledge?	
4	MR. WELDON: You are talking about the	4	A That is correct.	
3	ones outside or the ones inside Sentinel?	5	Q Do you know who would know that?	
6	MR. BURT: The ones that are not	6	A I do not know.	
/	registered in Sentinel's name.	7	Q Would the directors know that?	
8	MR. WELDON: Do you understand the	8	A They may.	
9	question?	9	Q I may have some follow-up, we are checking	
10			O with our team on some of that information to see	
11	So if we are talking just the CLOs the		1 if we have some of those financial documents, I	
	next distribution would be May 1. BY MR. BURT:		2 may have follow-up on that, but let's look in the	
1			3 meantime at the exhibit that I gave you, 134.	
14	Q Now, regarding the CLOs in particular are there certain CLOs that were registered in	14	, 111	
	Sentinel's name and others that were not?		5 Gareth Pereira sends to Clayton Price and Casey 6 McDonald a bunch of financial documents, and this	
1			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
17			7 takes place in June of 2021 I think around the	
18	Q But all of the CLOs will be distributing on May 1?		8 time of those new directors coming on. Does that 9 sound right?	
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	May 1.  O And so for those even for those that	21		
22	•	22	-	
	are not registered in Sentinel's name Sentinel	23	•	
1	will get a distribution on May 1?		4 financial documents were provided to the new	
25	A It doesn't come to Sentinel, it sits out	23	5 directors last June, 2021.	

209 211 A Correct. A Correct. Q And was that part of their onboarding Q Do you know who made the decision to pay 3 process to help them come up to speed? that dividend? A I believe so. A The directors of Sentinel. Q If you look at the management discussion O Were there outside directors involved in 6 and analysis, it's Page 4, I believe, this is part that decision at the time? of a packet you sent to Mr. DiOrio if you look at A All of the directors resolved to pay the the previous page on December 10, 2020. 8 dividend. A Yes. Q Do you know why? 10 Q So in this management an analysis states 10 A I don't know why. 11 that overall for the 11 months ending November 30, 11 Q Then looking back at the balance sheet the 12 2020 Sentinel recognized net income of 169,000, 12 investments fair market value go from 36 million 13 11 months ended November 30, 2019 Sentinel 13 to 84.5 million in November, 2020. Was that all a 14 recognized net income of 3.2 million. Capital and 14 result of SeaOne valuation? 15 surplus November 30, 2020, 2019 was 118.7 million 15 A Correct. 16 and 77.2 million respectively. The increase in 16 Q So SeaOne increased almost by 50 million 17 surplus is a result of the SeaOne valuation that 17 in value? 18 was recorded in the books in 2019, although pushed 18 A That's correct. 19 back to 2018 as an audit restatement. Do you see 19 Q And who provided -- was that Valuation 20 that? 20 Resource Group or Research Group who did that? 21 A I do. 21 A Valuation Research Corp., yes. 22 Q You are familiar with these financial Q And did they do that valuation under 23 statements, right? 23 Beecher's direction? 24 A Correct. 24 A It was under the direction of the 25 Q This is really the core of what Beecher 25 directors. 210 212 1 does for Sentinel? Q Do you know the basis of increasing the 2 value so significantly in SeaOne over that year? A Correct. A The investment had been carried at Q So looking at the balance sheet here and 4 comparing 2019 to 2020, do you see why cash 4 historical cost and the appreciation over that 5 decreased by 7 million year over year? 5 time resulted in the valuation. This was the A There would have been a dividend payment first valuation that was done on it. 7 of 6.4 million. Q Is it true that SeaOne is an ongoing Q And where do we see that in the financial 8 concern with active business going and growing? 9 statements? A That's my understanding. 10 A I am seeing that on the cashflow Page 3 of 10 Q Based on the valuation? 11 the document. A Yes. 11 12 Q Got it. 12 Q Once the dividend is paid does Beecher 13 And that's listed under cashflow from 13 track what happens to that money at the next level 14 financing activities dividend paid 6.4 million and 14 after it gets up to the first level? 15 it shows up as a negative on the statement of 15 A No. 16 cashflows? Q Under shareholders equity under retained 17 A Correct. 17 earnings increases by about 50 million, is that 18 also to account for the SeaOne valuation? Q What was the nature of that dividend? A Dividend up to the parent company of 19 A Yes. 20 Sentinel. Q So the end -- looking at the statement of 21 Q Was it Mainspring and Montage that it was 21 cashflows, the end of 2020 or November, 2020, cash 22 paid to on the org chart? 22 on hand is \$27,076,000? 23 A I believe so. 23 A Correct. Q Ultimately owned by Mr. Dondero and 24 Q Do you know what the current state of cash 25 Ellington, correct? 25 is at Sentinel?

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1 A I want to say it is still around 30	1 had from the beginning and when they were being
2 million.	2 registered into Sentinel's name two of the
3 Q If we look into the supplemental	3 original share certificates were lost so were
4 schedules, so just flip forward a few pages, and I	4 unable to be re-registered and somebody from
5 want to look actually at Page 9 of that, you will	5 Highland needed to assist with that process and it
6 have to flip the exhibit, it is investment holding	6 hasn't happened yet.
7 statement of Sentinel Reinsurance. And this goes	7 Q So I guess that was my next question.
8 back, I think, to some of the questions we have	8 Would those did those transfers
9 about what does Sentinel actually hold.	9 originate from Highland entities?
10 I have a number of questions about these	10 A I don't know where they came from.
11 investments, the first one being if you know when	11 Q But you said someone from Highland would
12 these were actually transferred to Sentinel and if	12 have to re-register?
13 they were registered in Sentinel's name. For	13 A Someone from Highland needed to help with
14 example, on the first one, the Aberdeen LN Funding	14 the process because I believe they were
15 Ltd. PFD, do you know when that was transferred to	15 investments that they were familiar with and would
16 Sentinel?	16 have the means to be able to obtain original
17 A There is a column referencing acquisition	17 certificates so that they could register them in
18 date, that would have been the date that Sentinel	18 Sentinel's name.
19 acquired those assets, so everything reflecting	19 Q The information about where those the
20 8/11/2017 was part of the ATE premium that was	20 2013 and the three 2014 transfers where those
21 paid in.	21 originated, would Beecher have that information
22 Q Got it, okay.	22 somewhere or is that outside Beecher's knowledge?
23 So the next three lines then are all it	23 A I believe that is outside Beecher's
24 is a 2014 acquisition date, a 2013, and a 2014 for	24 knowledge.
25 Eastland, Greyson and Greenbriar CLO interests, is	25 Q If you could just confirm on a break the
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1 that right?	1 two that were registered and the two that were
2 A Correct.	2 not.
3 Q Were those successfully transferred and	3 A Yes.
4 registered in Sentinel's name?	4 Q That would be great.
5 A Those are I believe two of those are in	5 So the Aberdeen I think we confirmed was
6 Sentinel's name and one is not.	6 not registered in Sentinel's name, and then
7 Q Do you know which two are?	7 looking at the ATE transfers the next one is the
8 A I don't know. There is another one down	8 Greenbriar CLO, again, 8/11/2017, was that
9 below with a 1/7/2014 date. Two of those	9 successfully registered in Sentinel's name?
10 investments are in Sentinel's name and two of them	10 A I don't believe so.
11 are not.	11 Q How about the two Southforks?
12 Q Is that something that you could easily	12 A I believe those were.
13 confirm on a break?	13 Q Those were.
14 A What is it you need me to confirm?	14 And then the Stratford CLO no, sorry,
15 Q Which ones are registered in Sentinel's	15 strike that, that was 2014.
16 names and which aren't.	16 Okay, those were the CLOs.
17 A I can.	17 Looking at the Governance Re limited
18 Q That would be great.	18 promissory note, second from the bottom, does
19 The Valhalla CLO Limited at the bottom,	19 Beecher have any knowledge about whether and if
20 was that registered to Sentinel successfully?	20 that note can be paid on?
21 A I don't believe so.	21 A It is our understanding that it can be
22 Q Now, the pre-ATE transfers, the 2014s and	22 paid.
23 the 20 the one 2013, do you know what the	23 Q Has yet to be paid on?
24 circumstances of those transfers were?	24 A It has not been paid off, but our
25 A Yes. Those were investments that Sentinel	25 understanding is that it is collectable.
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1 Q You can set that document aside.	1 monthly reports, unless there was anything else
2 Give me just one moment. This is a small	2 submitted to VRC which we don't already have."
3 exhibit here.	3 You mentioned State Street before and I
4 (Document marked Exhibit 135 for	4 just want to get your testimony about what your
5 identification.)	5 understanding of State Street is.
6 BY MR. BURT:	6 MR. WELDON: Object.
7 Q This is Exhibit 135 Bates BC	7 You mean in reference to
8 SEN0000120230. This is just it appears,	8 MR. BURT: In reference to the role it was
9 Mr. Adamczak, a back and forth that you had with	9 playing here with respect to the CLOs.
10 Allison Borman at Crowe.	THE WITNESS: I don't know if it is the
11 A Uh-huh.	11 same reference to State Street, but State Street,
12 Q Do you see that?	12 I believe, had some custodial relationship with
13 A Yes.	13 the CLOs.
14 Q From June of 2018, so after the ATE. And	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 the subject is the Sentinel 12/31 BRC valuation	15 Q With all of them?
16 source docs. And Allison writes to you and	16 A I don't know.
17 Ms. Devins, "I just spoke with Lisa and she	17 Q You can set that aside.
18 mentioned you'd discussed some of our open items,	
19 one of which I wanted to follow-up on. We do	Now, the policy after the policy was 19 enacted there were two endorsements to the policy
20 still need the source does of information sent to	
21 BRC to value the CLOs as of 12/31."	20 that were made, is that right?
	21 A That is correct.
Let me stop there first of all. Who is	22 Q What is your understanding of the reasons
23 Lisa?	23 for the endorsements?
24 A Lisa worked for the audit firm of	24 A The first was to adjust the premium to
25 Sentinel, Crowe.	25 reflect the fair value of assets received.
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1 A This was the two independent directors.	1 recall this sheet.
2 This is prior to Matt DiOrio.	2 A Okay.
3 Q Is this something that you have done	3 Q Do you recall this sheet?
4 before on other policies, change the premium to	4 A I don't.
5 reflect assets transferred?	5 Q Do you have any reason to dispute you did
6 A This is the first situation like this that	6 not create it?
7 we have seen where there were assets that were	7 A No.
8 taken in as opposed to cash.	8 Q Looking at so it appears here listed as
9 Q And have you ever seen anything like it	9 a number of Beecher clients and the reviewer and
10 since?	10 responsibility with various information, due
11 A I have not.	11 dates, and then comments on the last column.
12 Q I actually we have been talking about	12 A Sure.
13 all sorts of investment vehicles. Was it	13 Q Right?
14 difficult to account for these and keep track of	14 So looking at Sentinel Reinsurance Limited
15 them and figure out what best to do for accounting	15 the reviewer is listed as you. Do you know what
16 for them and how they affected everything?	16 reviewer means in this context?
17 A That is why we chose to hire the	17 A The person responsible for reviewing the
18 independent valuation consultants to help	18 financial statements.
19 determine and value.	19 Q And then responsibilities listed is Alli?
20 (Document marked Exhibit 136 for	20 A That would be the person preparing
21 identification.)	21 financial statements.
22 BY MR. BURT:	22 Q And in the comments to Sentinel it states,
23 Q We only have one copy of the cover sheet	23 'Can't really do financials, lots of crazy
24 that produced as native, this is the same	24 investments and special project, tons of follow-up
25 document. That will be our official copy.	25 and when they need something it's needed quickly."
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Go ahead and look at it, please.	1 Do you recall that at the time?
2 MR. WELDON: Do you have it?	2 A That sounds like something I would put,
3 MR. BURT: I have it.	3 yes.
4 BY MR. BURT:	4 Q And why would you have put that regarding
5 Q Go ahead, take your time and take a look	5 Sentinel's investments?
6 at it.	6 A At the time this is prior to having any of
7 Showing you Exhibit 136, there should be a	7 the valuations so we were still figuring out how
8 sheet that shows an Excel sheet and then some	8 to handle those investments.
9 metadata off to the side about when it was created	9 Q And you called them crazy investments.
10 and then there should be a clean copy of the Excel	10 Were they new types of investments?
11 sheet which is clearer. Is that included there?	11 MR. WELDON: Objection.
12 A This?	12 THE WITNESS: Out of the traditional
13 Q Yes.	13 investment portfolios of our captives.
14 That's the sheet that has on the right	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 side that's from the document metadata that shows	15 Q Are all of these listed here are they
16 the creator, the author, which is listed as you,	16 captive insurance companies?
17 and then the date, the file date 12/5/2017, and a	17 A I believe so.
18 time as well, do you see that?	18 Q You had one other Caymans entity, BHC-LTC
19 A Sure.	19 Insurance Limited, and it's you state there it
20 Q And then the Excel sheet is just a clean	20 is a standard normal account. So that was just a
21 copy of what is so it is easier to read. But	21 straightforward one?
22 it is the same sheet.	22 A Correct.
23 So this appears to be based on the	23 Q No real comparison to what Sentinel is
24 metadata a sheet that you created on December 5,	24 doing?
25 2017. Take a look at that and let me know if you	25 A Correct.
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1 Q When the valuations took place did that	1 recognized. What is the gain that you are
2 help bring things somewhat in order?	2 referring to?
3 A Yes.	3 A I believe on the initial recording of the
4 Q As far as putting the financials together?	4 policy the premium was assumed to be the stated
5 A Yes.	5 25 million so that's what we recorded as premium
6 Q Valuation Research Group, Corp., are they	6 collected, and should the investments come in
7 completely independent from Sentinel and Highland?	7 lower we would have had a loss, should they come
8 A Yes.	8 in higher we would have had a gain, so that was
9 Q And is it correct that Beecher hired them?	9 just the recording of the fair value of the
10 MR. WELDON: Objection.	10 assets.
11 THE WITNESS: Sentinel hired them.	11 Q Got it, okay.
12 BY MR. BURT:	In the balance sheet that shows up as an
13 Q Sentinel hired them on Beecher's	13 asset.
14 recommendation?	Let's say that 25 million of cash had been
15 MR. WELDON: Objection.	15 paid for the premium and it was a \$25 million
16 THE WITNESS: Correct.	16 policy and it was paid for in cash, there would be
17 (Document marked Exhibit 137 for	17 no need to adjust later on the accounting for that
18 identification.)	18 premium, right?
19 BY MR. BURT:	19 A Correct.
20 Q Going back to the endorsements, and we can	20 Q So the need to adjust in the financial
21 mark this as our next exhibit, showing you	21 statements comes from the fact that a bunch of
22 Exhibit 137 Bates labeled BC SEN000707455, if you	22 securities had been transferred of unknown value?
23 are ready, Mr. Adamczak, I can direct you to the	23 A Correct.
24 e-mail.	24 Q Was there a way to account for them other
25 A Sure.	25 than as premium as just somehow another gain to
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1 Q It is the first-in-time e-mail from you	1 Sentinel?
2 actually, and I want to just drill down on this,	2 A That was how we initially recorded them
3 the reasons for Endorsement No. 1. So you write	3 and it was at the suggestion of the auditors that
4 to J.P. and Matt, cc'ing Alli Devins on June 5,	4 be reflected as premium.
5 2018, 'I just spoke with Lisa, senior manager at	5 Q And where did you originally record them,
6 Crowe, regarding the Sentinel audit and the one	6 where in the financial statements?
7 particular area that is causing them issues, it	7 A As an investment gain.
8 relates to the gain that we have recognized on the	8 Q Got it, okay. All right.
9 transfer of securities into Sentinel as premium."	9 So going back to this e-mail, you then
So I want to stop there and really like	10 state, 'The value of securities we have
11 get the benefit of your knowledge about how this	11 transferred in amounted to just over 40 million as
12 all works.	12 valued by VRC on CLOs and other sources." So that
So when those securities are transferred	13 appears that VRC had said, okay, these investments
14 in to Sentinel how are they accounted for?	14 are worth \$40 million, around there, is that
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25 would be listed as a new asset, a cash asset?

25 Q And you mention a gain that had been

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1 A Not true.	1 both for Highland and for
2 Q It is not, okay. How is that wrong?	2 MR. WELDON: Objection.
3 A So there is with the recording of a	3 THE WITNESS: I can't say.
4 premium on a policy you are also going to have an	4 BY MR. BURT:
5 offsetting loss to go along with it, and that loss	5 Q You can't say.
6 is reflective in how the actuarial analysis plays	6 So sitting here now strike that.
7 out.	7 You then say, "Essentially Sentinel has
8 Q So the insurance company on its financials	8 been overpaid by approximately 15 million.
9 records a gain in the payment in and a loss for	9 Although there doesn't appear to be anything in
10 the risk that's been taken on?	10 GAAP preventing the recording of the gain it does
11 A Correct.	11 create a significant amount of question as well as
12 Q So it's pre-booking the risk, in other	12 a ton of additional disclosures in the audit
13 words, for the potential loss?	13 report."
14 A Yes.	I get the point that you made that there
15 Q Did that 40 million valuation was that	15 is a bunch of work that would have had to have
16 just the CLOs and other sources or did it include	16 been done, but nothing from you say here
17 the cash that was also transferred in?	17 nothing from GAAP or accounting principles would
18 A The 40 million would have reflected at	18 preclude recording that as an investment gain, the
19 that time the net assets that were received.	19 delta between the premium and the valuation,
20 Q Inclusive of cash?	20 right?
21 A Inclusive of cash.	21 A Whether it was recorded as a gain or
22 Q So the gain that you are referring to	22 additional premium wouldn't have changed the fact
23 here, the problem is that the premium was only	23 that there wasn't going to be premium going back
24 25 million creating a gain. You are referring to	24 to the insureds.
25 there would have been no offset for that, like	25 Q Is that the dispositive point for why you
230	232
1 there would have been for just the 25 million	1 felt like it needed to be reported as premium?
2 cash?	2 A We had the discussion with the auditors
3 A We were talking about an investment gain,	3 and then with the directors and the directors
4 we were talking about premium at that time, so.	4 chose to have the policy amended.
5 Q And then you say because there is no	5 Q You state in the next paragraph,
6 return of overpayment of premium it gives rise to	6 "Alternatively, if we can adjust the premium to
7 the question is this an arm's length transaction,	7 40 million it would resolve the issue on there,"
8 what did you mean by that?	8 so that appears to be the suggestion the auditors
9 A So the policy although stated that the	9 made that was adopted?
10 premium was 25 million the intention with the	10 A Correct.
11 transaction since there was no there wasn't	11 Q Mr. Sevilla asks, "How much cash will
12 sufficient cash to be able to pay the premium all	12 Sentinel have to hold per CIMA if the premium is
13 of those assets were to go into Sentinel.	13 40 million assuming the term is two years."
14 Should there be an appreciation in value	14 Is the term that he's referring to is that
15 or a found improvement in the value of the assets	15 the term over which the risk is accounted for?
16 received there would be no return of premium above	16 A Correct.
17 the 25 million to the insureds.	17 Q And you respond, "J.P., cash is still fine
18 Q But isn't the reality that really wasn't	18 under the proposed option, Sentinel's maintained
19 an arm's length transaction, right, you had	19 cash is required" I think you meant to be at
20 J.P. Sevilla organizing on both sides?	20 least "at least be equal to 100% of reserves
21 MR. WELDON: Objection.	21 which are not affected by this option."
22 THE WITNESS: I don't know.	Stopping there, what are the reserves that
23 BY MR. BURT:	23 you are referring to?
24 Q But that's the fact, right, you have	24 A That would be the loss reserves per the
25 testified about it earlier today, J.P.'s role in	25 actuarial analysis.

## Transcript of Thomas Adamczak, 30(b)(6)

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233  1 Q And what does CIMA require specifically?  2 A It's not necessarily a CIMA requirement,  3 but it was a requirement per the investment policy  4 that Sentinel had sought approval from CIMA. The  5 investment policy stated that at any time cash  6 reserves would be held at least equal to the loss  7 reserves.  8 Q And the loss reserves were determined how?  9 A Actuarially as I stated previously.  10 Q Was that Jason Stubbs who was determining	1 A So at the time that the policy was written 2 and we were working on accounting for it we had 3 discussions with J.P. and Isaac regarding the 4 expected what was the term the expected risk 5 period, and it was determined based on the 6 schedule that was estimated that it would be a 7 two-year period so the premium was being earned 8 over that two-year period. And this was 9 indicating if there was a delay in that should we 10 extend the policy period and I said that, no, that
<ul> <li>11 that?</li> <li>12 A That's correct.</li> <li>13 Q Was that reflected in his actuarial</li> <li>14 analysis that we looked at earlier?</li> <li>15 A That was the pricing study.</li> <li>16 Q So he performed separate work to determine</li> <li>17 the amount of loss reserves that should be kept?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>11 wasn't appropriate to do that.</li> <li>12 Q And you write here in the next line, "This</li> <li>13 would cause more concern with whether it is an</li> <li>14 arm's length transaction." What did you mean that</li> <li>15 time?</li> <li>16 A That if there was manipulation of the</li> <li>17 policy term to extend the risk period that it</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>18 A Correct. I believe I said that earlier as</li> <li>19 well.</li> <li>20 Q Okay. Thank you for clarifying.</li> <li>21 Then you state, "Additionally, CIMA's</li> <li>22 surplus requirements are that Sentinel must</li> <li>23 maintain surplus in excess of 125% of the greater</li> <li>24 of, one, minimum capital requirements, 200K; or,</li> <li>25 two, prescribe capital requirements 15% of earned</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>18 could cause concerns of whether it being an arm's</li> <li>19 length transaction.</li> <li>20 Q At like the CIMA level?</li> <li>21 A At the CIMA level, yes.</li> <li>22 Q If you go to the first page here, the</li> <li>23 question is asked by J.P. whether the insureds</li> <li>24 need to sign on the amendment or could it I</li> <li>25 think he is referring to the endorsement or could</li> </ul>
premium. Because earned premium would increase there would be a great minimum surplus under this option."  So help me understand what you are saying here.  A CIMA requirements state that capital has to be maintained at a certain level for each captive, depending on the class of insurance licensee.	236  1 it be more of an internal memo, and you reply on 2 June 6, "Based on the fact that they signed the 3 original policy I would say the insured should 4 sign the endorsement. You could run that question 5 by legal to see what they say, but I suspect it 6 would be the same as my feeling." 7 So we know that we have talked about 8 Beecher brokering for the insureds as part of the 9 ATE. Was Beecher brokering as part of the
10 Q And you state at 12/31/17, "This would 11 only increase the surplus requirement by about 12 600K, not a concern for Sentinel as the surplus 13 would be about 32 million or 30 million in excess 14 of the requirement." Is that right?  15 A Correct. 16 Q Looking at your e-mail on the next page, 17 June 6, 2018, you respond to J.P. that the 18 auditors are comfortable with this and then say, 19 "So originally at the time the ATE policy was 20 written the trial was to be scheduled in mid 2018 21 with everything wrapping up including appeal in	10 endorsement as well for the insureds?  11 MR. WELDON: Objection.  12 THE WITNESS: I don't believe so, but I  13 don't know.  14 BY MR. BURT:  15 Q Is that something that you could find out  16 quickly like you did with the other ones, just  17 whether Beecher was representing the insureds on  18 the endorsement as well as the broker?  19 A I can ask, but I don't know that it will  20 matter.  21 Q Well, if you could ask that would be
22 2019. This fits into the 24-month policy term.  23 Now if the projection is to go through end of  24 2019/early 2020 I don't think we can change policy.	22 great, yes.  23 A Okay.  24 O So let's go to the endorsement. Let's go

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25 term." Why was that?

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1 (Document marked Exhibit 138 for	1 the valuation on multi-strat?
2 identification.)	2 A No.
3 BY MR. BURT:	3 Q How did that go, how is that valuation
4 Q So handing you what's been marked as	4 performed?
5 Exhibit 138, Bates MD_00000010, it's towards the	5 A That fund is audited and carries a net
6 very end, you will find the two endorsements	6 asset value so it is easily determined.
7 there, Endorsements 1 and 2.	7 Q Whatever portion of ownership interest
8 So first of all, do you know when	8 Sentinel has, is that portion of the assets of the
9 Endorsement 1 actually was signed?	9 fund?
10 A I think it was signed in June, 2018.	10 A Yes.
11 Q Around the time of your e-mails	11 MS. REPORTER: What are you saying,
12 A Yes.	12 valuation on the multi-strat?
	13 MR. BURT: He said multi-strategy. We
13 Q that we just looked at?  14 A Yes.	
	14 sometimes shorten to multi-strat, S-T-R-A-T.
15 Q So Endorsement 1, it states that the	15 BY MR. BURT:
16 premium is stated in the schedule as adjusted to	16 Q Do you refer to it as multi-strat?
17 \$68,362,333.62 to include the total fair value of	17 A Multi-strat, yes.
18 the received assets consists of cash of 11 million	18 Q Did anyone at the insureds agree with the
19 and miscellaneous receivables of \$1,753,000 and an	19 policy premium could increase by three times
20 investment portfolio of \$55,525,000 as measured at	20 without increasing the coverage amount?
21 fair value on the date of the transfer.	21 A I am not aware if that was presented to
So in the e-mails we had just looked at we	22 the insureds.
23 had seen a 40 million all-in figure. How did we	23 Q Because the coverage amount stayed the
24 go from that figure to the 68 million that's in	24 same, the 100 million
25 Endorsement 1?	25 A Correct.
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1 A I believe there was another investment	1 Q in Endorsement 1.
2 that we were unaware of what it represented and	2 A But at the time of the inception of the
3 were able to get more information related to the	3 policy there was a risk that the assets received
4 fair value of that, which bumped it up from	4 would increase but there was also a risk that
5 40 million to the 68 million.	5 those assets would decrease.
6 Q So that investment alone was worth	6 Q And what's the significance of that, the
7 28 million?	
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241 1 Q Do you know how CIMA when CIMA learned	1 premium. The above matters cast significant doubt
	2 on the economic substance and business purpose of
2 of Endorsement 1 how CIMA reacted to it? 3 A I don't recall how their reaction was.	3 the transactions relating to the ATE coverage. Do
4 Q Okay.	4 you recall receiving that from CIMA?
	5 A I do.
I	
7 at the page, it is part of the AML report towards 8 the back, it ends in Bates 78819, do you see there	A Sorry, what was the question now?
	8 Q My question is what was Beecher's reaction
9 there is AML findings and then the first finding	9 when informed by CIMA that there was significant
10 is 5.2.1.1?	10 doubt on the economic substance and business
11 A Yes.	11 purposes of the transaction relating to the ATE
12 Q So the second full paragraph under that	12 coverage?
13 finding begins with the U.S. dollar 68.3 million,	13 A Beecher discussed with the directors and
14 do you see where I am?	14 formulated the response here under management's
15 A Yes.	15 comments to explain the process as far as how the
16 Q So it states there, "The U.S. 68.3 million	16 premium was determined and the assets coming in.
17 stemming from the transaction described above	17 Q And did you help draft that?
18 increased the licensee's investment portfolio from	18 A I have reviewed and helped edit the
19 U.S. 12 million as of December 31, 2016, to U.S.	19 document.
20 86 million as of as at December 31, 2017.	20 Q Do you know who was the primary drafter?
21 Included in the U.S. 86 million is approximately	21 A I think it was a combination of the
22 U.S. 37 million being funds invested in Highland	22 directors and Beecher.
23 Multi-Strategy Credit Fund Limited," which is what	23 Q Which directors in particular?
24 you mentioned?	24 A All of them.
25 A Correct.	25 Q Do you recall working with Matt DiOrio and
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1 policies, done such an endorsement?	1 the loss?
2 MR. WELDON: Objection.	2 A Yes.
3 THE WITNESS: I think that's correct.	3 Q Endorsement 2 we see that the premium is
4 BY MR. BURT:	4 reduced to 59,362,000 and that 9 million has been
5 Q So sitting here today and looking back,	5 prepaid by the insured to the insurer to cover
6 would you agree with CIMA that this was a	6 risk mitigation costs which include but are not
7 questionable thing to do to adjust the premium in	7 limited to legal defense costs and the limited
8 this manner?	8 indemnity is reduced to 91 million in the
9 MR. WELDON: Objection.	9 aggregate.
10 THE WITNESS: I understand the reasons for	So essentially is it correct that
11 why it was done and I don't know what else I can	11 9 million is taken out of what had been booked as
12 say on that.	12 premium and put as risk mitigation or prepaid risk
13 BY MR. BURT:	13 mitigation?
14 Q Let's look at Endorsement 2, it's not in	14 A Correct.
15 the CIMA report, but I think you have it right	15 Q Was that really just an accounting
16 there underneath.	16 transaction that happened or was money actually
17 So how long after Endorsement 1 did	17 moved in any accounts?
18 Endorsement 2 happen?	18 A There was no money being moved there, that
19 A Within a short period of time.	19 was just the recording of a liability for that
20 Q Like what does short mean in this context?	20 pre-funded balance.
21 A A week, maybe two weeks.	21 Q And that so that 9 million showed up as
22 Q And describe what the problem was that was	22 a liability on Sentinel's books?
23 trying to be addressed in Endorsement No. 2.	23 A Correct.
24 A The risk mitigation fees that had been	24 MR. BURT: So let's do Tab 35.
25 paid to this point under the view of the auditors	25
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1 indicated that a claim had occurred and if a claim	1 (Document marked Exhibit 139 for
2 had occurred the liability would need to be	2 identification.)
3 recorded upfront in its full liability of the	MR. WELDON: What number is this?
4 actuarially-determined ultimate loss.	4 MS. REPORTER: 139.
5 Q Rather than spread out?	5 MR. BURT: Another short one. 6 BY MR. BURT:
6 A Rather than earning the premium out over	T
7 the entire risk period and then accruing that	Q Showing you 139 Bates BC SEN0000641688, an e-mail from Matt DiOrio to you sending an
<ul><li>8 liability for the reserves over that risk period.</li><li>9 That would have posed a problem with the</li></ul>	
9 That would have posed a problem with the 10 investment policy which stipulated that cash had	9 ATE-related invoice on July 25, 2018, and he asks 10 you to arrange payment for the invoice and you
11 to be maintained at or equal to the loss reserves,	11 reply the same day that "these are no longer
12 and that would have run afoul with CIMA.	12 covered under the ATE policy but are merely risk
13 Q So there wouldn't have been enough cash,	13 mitigation fees" and then you are asked "do you
14 in other words, in the account?	14 still need Beecher to formally approve them and
15 A Correct.	15 can they go directly to Lesley." And Lesley was a
16 Q If a claim had been made on the policy?	16 director at that time, right?
17 A Correct.	17 A I don't know that she was a director at
18 Q That would have immediately brought from	18 that point in time, but she worked for Maples and
19 an accounting perspective both the premium and	19 interacted with the directors that were there.
20 loss the entire amounts immediately?	20 Q I see, okay.
21 A Correct.	21 And do you recall why this was not why
22 Q And is that just an issue of pure	22 this request for payment was not covered under the
23 accounting, that is just how you account for these	23 ATE policy but was risk mitigation?
24 things if the claim is made you have got to	24 A I do not.
25 recognize the premium, you have got to recognize	25 Q And I realize there is not a lot of
25 1000 ginzo the promisin, you have got to recognize	

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1 context there. But looking up, Mr. DiOrio	1 are incurred during the conduct of legal action on
2 actually asks the question "why are these not	2 behalf of the insured.
3 covered under the ATE policy," and you respond	3 Q So that is the definition of own costs.
4 "they are the defense costs that we had to pull	4 Where is is there another provision that
5 out of the policy on account of there being an	5 explains how those are to be treated under the
6 audit issue with paying defense costs under the	6 policy?
7 policy with no claim. If we left them under the	7 A That is the only one that I understand of
8 policy it would have required us to earn all the	8 the policy.
9 premium upfront and record the full actuarial	9 Q So here and I am not aware of it
10 ultimate. This would have triggered cash	10 showing up anywhere else in the policy, if it does
11 deficiencies in Sentinel." So that appears to be	11 and you recall if you can just point me to it,
12 the explanation that you gave.	12 here you are saying there is this definition of
13 A That's correct.	13 own costs which refers to the cost and expenses of
14 Q If you file a claim for accounting reasons	14 the representative and other service providers in
15 you have got to record the premium and the full	15 the normal course, including related tax, which
16 actuarial ultimate.	16 are incurred during the conduct of the legal
17 A Correct.	17 action on behalf of the insured. So all of those
18 Q And if you do that there is not enough	18 costs are defined as own costs.
19 cash so now you are in a cash problem and CIMA	19 So what is the significance tie that
20 gets triggered in essence?	20 together for me, what is the significance of that
21 A Correct.	21 to how you all chose to account and do Endorsement
22 Q Is there a way that this is typically done	22 No. 2?
23 where if defense costs are being paid out of the	
24 policy claims are made on the policy?	23 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and 24 answered.
25 A If there are defense costs there is a	
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2 A They were sure.	A I do.
3 MR. WELDON: Objection.	3 Q Terrific.
4 THE WITNESS: But it's not	4 I think we have gone through the first
5 MR. BURT: Chris, you can laugh at this,	5 three, Aberdeen was not registered at Sentinel and
6 it never happened in any other policy, you do an	6 the two Southforks were, is that right?
7 accounting trick so you don't have to make a	7 A Correct.
8 claim. I am trying to understand this. I don't	8 Q The next is another Aberdeen LN FDG
9 know what is funny about it, Chris.	9 Limited PFD.
10 MR. WELDON: Well, I think you	First of all, do you know what difference
11 misunderstand what he is saying. There was an	11 between that one is and the first Aberdeen?
12 accounting auditor that came in and looked at the	12 A I don't.
13 policy. His testimony is pretty clear. And	13 Q Was this investment transferred to
14 auditor came in and said he had to adjust it	14 Sentinel?
15 because this isn't going to be covered under the	15 A It is not in Sentinel's name.
16 policy.	16 Q The next one is GSC ABS CDO 2006-4U LT CUM
MR. BURT: That was Endorsement 1, I	17 PFD 144A. Is that registered in Sentinel's name?
18 haven't heard anything about an auditor on	18 A I don't believe it is.
19 Endorsement 2.	19 Q And so to the best of Beecher's knowledge
20 THE WITNESS: This was all raised by the	20 if they were not transferred and registered at
21 auditors and in terms of how the loss reserves	21 to the best of Beecher's knowledge, if not
22 would end up needing to be recorded on Sentinel's	22 registered at Sentinel would they still be at
23 books as of year-end if there was a claim and it	23 Highland's CDO Opportunity Master Fund, LP?
24 was made clear to us that the triggering of the	MR. WELDON: Asked and answered. He
25 claim would be the judgment against the insureds.	25 already said he doesn't know where they are before
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1 BY MR. BURT:	1 they came.
2 Q Just so we are absolutely clear, yes or	2 BY MR. BURT:
3 no, this has never been done on any other policy	3 Q You can answer.
4 you have worked on, correct?	4 A That's correct.
5 MR. WELDON: Objection.	5 Q What your counsel testified to?
6 THE WITNESS: I have not seen it done	6 MR. WELDON: I wasn't testifying, what his
7 before.	7 answer, his answer was
8 MR. BURT: Why don't we go ahead and take	8 THE WITNESS: I don't know where they are
9 a break.	9 held/custodied.
10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of	10 BY MR. BURT:
11 Disk No. 4 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak,	11 Q The next one is Greenbriar CLO LTD PFD
12 we are off the record at 4:16.	12 144A.
13 (Recess taken.)	13 A Sorry, which one, the Greenbriar?
14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 5	14 Q The Greenbriar CLO LTD PFD 144A.
15 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are back	15 A That one was not transferred in.
16 on the record at 4:41.	16 Q Next is Highland FINL Partners LP.
17 BY MR. BURT:	
18 Q Mr. Adamczak, we are going to take a	18 Q And below that another Highland FINL 19 Partners LP NPV?
19 little detour and go back to Schedule A of the	
20 asset purchase agreement to walk through quickly	
21 the various investment instruments just to get for	21 Q Then we have Longstreet CDO I I think
22 the record whether they were transferred and	22 it is an I LTD PFD 144A.
23 registered at Sentinel.	23 A It is not.
24 A Okay.	24 Q Then Nexpoint C COM USD0.001 (POST REV S)?
25 Q Do you have a copy of Schedule A in front	25 A That one was.

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Q Next is PAM CAP FDG LP 0.001MAY13 144A.	Q And then underneath that is CAMBR 5X
A That one was not.	2 Floating - 12/2045.
Q Then is TOUSA INC 8.0 PFD 144A?	3 A That was not.
A This one was not.	4 Q And then the cash of 7.779 was
5 Q Next is Valhalla CLO LTD 0.0 01 AUG23 144A?	5 transferred, correct?
6 A That was not.	6 A All of the cash was transferred in.
7 Q Next is Vertical ABS CDO 2 0.0 09MAY46	7 Q So that would apply to the next cash under
8 144A?	8 Highland CDO Opportunity Fund Limited, correct?
9 A That was not.	9 A Correct.
10 Q Just so I am clear, when you say it is	10 Q Then we get to Highland CDO holdings,
11 not	11 company, the first is HFT REAL EST 3.33867 25NOV5
12 A Not transferred into Sentinel.	12 144AF.
13 Q At any time, it was never registered in	13 A That was transferred.
14 Sentinel's name?	14 Q Then is Nexpoint C Com USD0.001 (POST REV
15 A Correct.	15 S)?
16 If I indicate that one was transferred in	16 A That was transferred in.
17 it is either in Sentinel now or it was transferred	17 Q Then is Nexpoint R Com USD0.001 'WI'?
18 in and has since paid out and closed or sold.	18 A That was transferred in.
19 Q Or been moved?	19 Q Next is Stratford CL 3.16956 01NOV21 144A
20 A Right.	20 F.
21 Q And we will talk in a minute about	21 A That was transferred in.
22 Sebastian Clark and assets that were transferred	22 Q Then is Highland Park C4.93867 25NOV51
23 to Sebastian Clark, I think that is one of the	23 FRN?
24 things you are referring to as far as transferring	24 A That was not transferred in.
25 out of Sentinel.	25 Q Then is another promissory note CLO Holdco
258	260
A Yes, but those are back in Sentinel.	1 limited 12/23/2025?
Q I see, okay. We will get to that in a	2 A Again, the promissory note so it is not
3 moment.	3 being transferred in or re-registered in
4 Then we have Highland Credit Opportunities	
1	4 Sentinel's name, and I believe it had paid
5 CDO LTD Partnership interest?	5 interest but is currently delinquent.
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1 A That was not transferred in.	1 to Mr. Kranz on July 2 you write, "Pete, I just
2 Q Vertical ABS CDO 2 0.0 09MAY46 144A?	2 spoke to Lisa. We have a potentially bigger issue
3 A That was not transferred in.	3 than the investments. Lisa just informed me they
4 Q And then cash that was transferred,	4 feel the ATE premium and ultimate loss should all
5 correct?	5 be recorded immediately and not earned pro rata
6 A Correct.	6 over a period." So I will stop there.
7 Q And then under Highland Financial Corp.,	Who is the Lisa that you are referring to?
8 cash that was transferred, correct?	8 A This is Lisa, the auditor with Crowe.
9 A Correct.	9 Q And so here Lisa said that the premium and
10 Q And then there is Capital Management	10 ultimate loss should be recorded immediately,
11 tax refund receivable at Highland Capital	11 right?
12 Management, LP.	12 A Based on what we previously discussed if
Was that cash transferred or collected?	13 there was a claim payment it would indicate that
14 A Only in part. That was a refund from the	14 there is a claim and the claim should be recorded
15 IRS that when the refund came in it was in the	15 all upfront.
16 name of I am assuming Highland Financial Corp.,	16 Q And you write here, 'The primary reason is
17 and as such could not be deposited into Sentinel's	17 that the loss event is known and, therefore, they
18 account. So Matt DiOrio had opened an account in	18 feel this more like retroactive coverage, similar
19 that name, deposited the check, and then	19 to an LPT or a novation." What is an LPT or a
20 transferred the majority of the funds into	20 novation?
21 Sentinel's account.	21 A Loss portfolio transfer.
22 MR. WELDON: I think you had him testify	22 Q What does novation refer to?
23 about that check earlier today.	23 A A transfer of risk off your balance sheet
24 BY MR. BURT:	24 to somebody else.
25 Q Then we have Highland Financial Partners	25 Q Lisa even went back to Art and discussed
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1 LP cash of 29,000 that was transferred, correct?	1 with him and he agreed. Who is Art?
2 A Correct.	2 A Art is a partner at Crowe.
3 Q Thank you.	3 Q They then you then say 'They are pretty
4 I don't have a question about	4 sure this" I think you meant to say is "how
5 transferring, just a question on actually the	5 it should be accounted for unless there is
6 entity description itself, under the in the	6 something/events that the policy covers that
7 first big box there for Highlands CDO Opportunity	7 is/are unknown other than the value of the loss.
8 Master Fund, the third from the bottom, the	8 I know this is going to require us to revise/amend
9 Highland Gemini program that's listed as Pollux,	9 the investment policy because we do not have
10 do you know whether that actually came from	10 nearly enough cash as of year-end. Had this been
11 Dugaboy?	11 known how it would need to be accounted for we
	12 would have needed all premium in cash (or at least
12 A I do not, no. 13 MR. BURT: I think I gave the next	13 the much larger portion). Cash at year-end is
14 exhibit.	14 only \$11.4 million while the ultimate on the ATE
	15 policy \$33.4 million."
	Ultimate there being the actuarial loss 17 that was being
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18 identification.) 19 BY MR. BURT:	18 A The actuarial determined loss projection.
	19 Q Is this what triggered what led to 20 Endorsement 2?
20 Q Showing, Mr. Adamczak, Exhibit 140, which	
21 is BC SEN0000585041, e-mails between you and	21 A Correct.
22 Mr. Kranz in July of 2018, do you see that?	22 Q So you hadn't yet decided the idea to
23 A I do.	23 do the risk mitigation expense to pull out the
24 Q Now, I am going to back now from our	24 \$9 million
25 detour back to Endorsement No. 2, so your e-mail	25 A Correct.

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1 Q as a prepaid balance.	1 Q What would CIMA what is CIMA's remedy	20,
2 That was decided after Lisa had raised	2 in that situation where the cash is insufficient	
3 this issue with you?	3 to meet the loss reserve requirement?	
4 A Correct.	4 A You would probably have to have a	
5 Q And you discussed that idea with Lisa?	5 corrective action immediately and bringing the	
6 A I did.	6 cash balances up in line with what the loss	
7 Q And she signed off on it?	7 reserves were.	
8 A The idea of	8 Q So a lot more cash would have to be	
9 Q Of doing a pre-funded 9 million risk	9 infused immediately?	
10 mitigation prepaid litigation balance.	10 A Absolutely.	
11 A We discussed with internally at Beecher	11 Q And that was something it appears the	
12 and with the directors and determined that the	12 directors including Mr. DiOrio wanted to avoid	
13 policy sorry, the claim the triggering event	13 having to do?	
14 of the claim would be the judgment, an unfavorable	14 MR. WELDON: Objection.	
15 judgment against the insureds. And because there	15 THE WITNESS: The nature of the	
16 was no judgment there could not be a claim so all	16 investments were such that would in order to	
17 of these expenses would be risk mitigation outside	17 sell off they would have ended up recognizing	
18 the actual indemnity payment.	18 substantial losses and they wanted to avoid that.	
19 Q So Lisa actually wasn't involved in that	MR. BURT: I gave you the wrong exhibit.	
20 decision it sounds like?	20 I take that back.	
21 A Lisa is an auditor for Sentinel, she	21 (Document marked Exhibit 141 for	
22 wouldn't be making any decisions.	22 identification.)	
23 Q Which directors did you discuss that with?	23 BY MR. BURT:	
24 A This would have been discussed with Andrew	24 Q Showing you Exhibit 141 Bates label BC	
25 Dean and Lesley Thompson.	25 SEN0000723353. Are you ready, Mr. Adamczak?	
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2 A Mr. DiOrio had not yet actually, I	2 Q So at the bottom is an e-mail from you, it	
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1 day before this e-mail to discuss this issue?	I am really just genuinely trying to	
2 A We would have had a discussion with them.	2 understand, were the legal defense costs for the	
3 Q Here you are following up and in the	3 litigation being paid out of that \$9 million	
4 e-mail above from you to Lesley Thompson you	4 pre-funded balance?	
5 attach the unanimous consent form with respect to	5 A I am not exactly sure the nature of the	
6 Endorsement No. 2. Was that the consent form	6 legal fees that that were instructed to be	
7 needed from the directors?	7 processed under the risk mitigation fees.	
8 A Correct.	8 Q Were fees paid to continue to the run the	
9 Q Is that different than the Endorsement No.	9 insureds since they had transferred all of their	
10 2 we have been looking at?	10 assets, were there normal operating expenses being	
11 A The unanimous consent form would have been	11 paid for out of those risk mitigations?	
12 the formal governance document where the directors	12 A Yes.	
13 signed off approving the Endorsement 2.	13 Q So unrelated to the mitigation, just a	
14 Q And then Lesley responds with a couple of	14 filing requirement for CDO fund or an expense that	
15 questions and the last question, the last bullet	15 they incurred in the normal course?	
16 is the one I want to focus on, and she asks, "Can	16 A Yes.	
17 you explain the rational for changing the limits	17 Q And were those expenses that Highland was	
18 on the policy? The original premium was \$25	18 submitting to Beecher for payment?	
19 million, changed to \$68 million (to represent the	19 A Yes.	
20 fair value of the assets) and now dropped to \$59	20 (Document marked Exhibit 142 for	
21 million. If the company was willing to write the	21 identification.)	
22 risk at the original deemed premium level why is	22 BY MR. BURT:	
23 it now changing? As such I believe the company	23 Q Showing you Exhibit 142, this is Bates BC	
24 should keep the liability limits at the original	24 SEN0000667053, starting in the first-in-time	
25 agreed level."	25 e-mail on the second page, Mr. Adamczak, you send	
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1 Do you recall that concern from	1 an e-mail to Jan Neveril, Damien Austin, Onson	
2 Ms. Thompson?	2 Mukwedeya, and cc Matt DiOrio and Alli Devins.	
3 A I don't recall.	3 And there you say, Jan and Damien, attached please	
4 Q Do you recall responding to that, to this	4 find an invoice for Sentinel to be submitted to	
5 e-mail?	5 Maples Paying Agency for disbursement. The	
6 A I don't recall.	6 invoice is for Risk Mitigation fees for ATE	
7 Q Do you know whether her concern was ever	7 policy. Please approve and respond to all with	
8 resolved?	8 instructions to disburse funds from the Sentinel	
9 MR. WELDON: Objection.	9 Reinsurance Account 677670."	
10 THE WITNESS: As the directors had	10 Is that Sentinel Reinsurance account the	
11 ultimately agreed and signed off on the	11 checking account at CIBC?	
12 endorsement and the unanimous consent I believe	12 A No.	
13 the concern was addressed.	13 Q What account is that?	
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 A This is when Maples served as directors,	
15 Q To do something like this did all the	15 they had the cash account that they managed.	
16 directors have to unanimously agree?	16 Q So this was the Maples account?	
17 A Yes.	17 A Correct.	
18 Q One thing I want to clarify, so the \$9	18 Q Understood.	
19 million in risk mitigation that is set aside, is	The Onson Mukwedeya name is new, who is	
20 it one use of that money was to pay for legal	20 he?	
21 defense costs as part of the UBS litigation for	A Somebody at Maples.	
22 the Highland entities, is that right?	22 Q In response Damien Austin, who I believe	
23 A We were directed to process invoices by	23 is a director, is that right?	
24 the directors under the risk mitigation fees.	24 A Correct.	
25 Q So that's not precisely my question.	25 Q He responds to you and Matt, "Before I	

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authorize this for payment I wanted to check with	1 the risk mitigation fees.	75
2 you how we go about determining that it should be	2 Q You then write, "I hope this helps. Matt	
3 paid by Sentinel. I see that the invoice is	3 might be able to provide more specifics on the	
4 addressed to HCM and is related to Highland v.	4 relationship or engagement letters if needed, but	
5 UBS. How is Highland related to Sentinel? I	5 there wouldn't be any connection between Sentinel	
6 don't think I have a full organizational chart, do	6 and the payees other than the fact that these are	
7 you have one you can send to me please?" And he		
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8 goes on.	8 What did you mean when you said there	
Now, my first question about this is why	9 wasn't any connection between Sentinel and the	
10 was it, if you know, that Mr. Austin didn't know	10 payees?	
11 that Highland was related to Sentinel?	11 A There was no relationship between Sentinel	
12 A This may have been their first exposure to	12 and the entities that were performing the	
13 any of the risk mitigation fees.	13 services, the services were not paid or were not	
14 Q The fact that Highland and Sentinel have	14 provided to Sentinel directly.	
15 common ownership, that wasn't hidden from	15 Q Now, you just mentioned a moment ago that	
16 directors, right?	16 the directors had requested that Beecher process	
17 A It wasn't hidden, no.	17 the invoice and assist with making sure the	
18 And I believe Jan and Damian were new	18 payments are made. Which directors specifically	
19 directors at this point as well.	19 have specifically requested that?	
20 Q I see.	20 A All of the invoices that related to the	
Then you respond to Damian and Jan and	21 risk mitigation fees came through our contact at	
22 say, "The invoice I previously sent is covered by	22 Highland.	
23 the ATE policy as it relates to defense costs on	23 Q Which was Matt DiOrio?	
24 the insured event."	24 A In this case Matt DiOrio.	
25 Does that refresh your recollection about	25 Q At other times did they come from	
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1 whether legal defense costs were paid out of the	1 J.P. Sevilla?	
2 pre-funded balance?	2 A It would have come from J.P., I believe.	
3 A So it looks like those legal fees were	3 I don't recall.	
4 being paid under the risk mitigation fee.	4 Q You can set that aside. Just give me one	
5 Q 'These defense costs have been pre-funded	5 second.	
6 9.0 million set aside from ATE premium and are	6 MR. BURT: Mark this as 143.	
7 being tracked separately by us, to date prior to	7 (Document marked Exhibit 143 for	
8 this invoice we have reimbursed \$5,438,351 of	8 identification.)	
9 these 'Risk Mitigation Fees'", do you see that?	9 BY MR. BURT:	
10 A I do.	10 Q Showing you, Mr. Adamczak, Exhibit 143	
11 Q In between the Endorsement 2, which was	11 Bates labeled UBSPROD020567. Go ahead and take a	
12 established I think you said sometime in late June	12 look at that and let me know if you recognize the	
13 or early July of 2018, in between that time and	13 document.	
14 November 20, 2018, over \$5 million had been	14 A I do.	
15 reimbursed out of that risk mitigation pool, is	15 Q What do you understand this document to	
16 that right?	16 be?	
17 A To date 5 yes, 5 million was reimbursed	17 A This document was a sales agreement to	
18 out of the risk mitigation fees.	18 transfer certain securities that we were told to	
19 Q And do you know what the majority of those	19 be worthless to remove them from the balance sheet	t
20 funds were being used for, what the expenses were?	20 of Sentinel.	
21 A I do not.	21 Q Who told you that they were worthless?	
22 Q So how much was for legal versus how much	22 A That direction would have come from	
23 was to run the insureds, you couldn't say?	23 Matt DiOrio.	
24 A The directors had requested that we	24 Q As part of the valuation services that	
25 process the invoices and reimburse them through	25 the Valuation Research Corp. had done had they	

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1 determined that those these assets were	1 the transfer?
2 worthless?	2 A I am not recalling how that came about.
3 A They had not been engaged to perform	3 Q The parties listed are Sentinel Reinsuance
4 valuations on those investments and it was	4 Ltd., I think that is a typo, and then Sebastian
5 discussed that if those investments were worthless	5 Clark, Ltd., which states as an exempted company
6 there was no point in obtaining a valuation.	6 incorporated in the Cayman Islands.
7 Q Were these investments on Schedule A to	7 What did you understand Sebastian Clark to
8 the purchase agreement any of them?	8 be?
9 A Yes, they should all be on that schedule.	9 A My understanding is that Sebastian Clark
10 Q So Schedule A investments certain of those	10 is a Cayman entity that provides director services
11 investments were not actually valuated by	11 for other Sentinel-related entities.
12 Valuation Research Corp.?	12 Q Do you know who owns Sebastian Clark?
13 A Correct.	13 A I do not.
14 Q Who made the decision which one should be	14 Q Do you know whether Sebastian Clark had
15 valued and which one should not be valued?	15 any assets prior to the asset transfer agreement?
16 A That was the directors on discussions with	16 A I do not.
17 Beecher Carlson.	17 Q On page excuse me, on Schedule 1 of the
18 Q Were you involved in those discussions?	18 asset purchase agreement it lists that the
19 A From the standpoint of what made sense to	19 purchase price the total purchase price is \$3,
20 perform a valuation on, yes.	20 do you see that?
21 Q Which directors in particular were	21 A You said Page 1.
22 involved in those discussions?	22 Q Schedule 1, it looks like it is Page 5.
23 A Matt DiOrio in particular and then the	23 A Yes.
24 other directors were probably informed of it.	24 Q Do you recall how that purchase price was
25 Q But weren't involved in the discussions	25 come to?
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1 themselves?	1 A A nominal value.
2 A They may have been involved in the	2 Q And who made that decision?
3 discussions, but I don't recall.	3 A I am not sure.
4 Q But you do recall Matt DiOrio being	4 Q It was somebody outside of Beecher?
5 involved?	5 A It was not Beecher that determined that
6 A Definitely.	6 price.
7 Q And okay.	7 Q If we look at Schedule 2 it lists the
8 So in consultation with Mr. DiOrio the	8 assets that are being transferred, and two I want
9 decision is made the Valuation Research Corp. do	9 to look at, the Dugaboy Investment Trust
10 some valuations on certain investments but not	10 Promissory Note acquired 8/11/2017, and it says
11 others.	11 under the Par/Face column \$2,399,996.
12 How does this asset transfer agreement	Do you recall if that was the value on the
13 come to be, whose idea was it to transfer these	13 Dugaboy promissory note at the time?
14 off the balance sheet?	14 A That was probably the face value at the
15 A I don't recall.	15 time that that security was sold.
16 Q Was that something that Beecher would have 17 initiated or was that beyond Beecher's	16 Q And Mr. DiOrio had determined that it was 17 a worthless asset?
18 responsibilities?	
19 A It was beyond Beecher's responsibilities.	18 A It was not paying interest anymore.  19 Q But the note was still valid, right, it
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20 hasn't expired or anything like that, it was still
20 Q Would it have been a director, perhaps?	
21 A Perhaps.	<ul><li>21 a valid promissory note?</li><li>22 A I don't remember what the terms were. It</li></ul>
22 Q But specifically you don't recall?	
23 A I don't recall, no.	23 was probably delinquent at that point.
24 Q And who works on this asset transfer	24 Q And then in the next row, the CLO Holdco
25 agreement in putting it together and organizing	25 Ltd., Promissory Note for a face value of

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1 \$32,801,593, what do you understand about that	1 directors that were directors of some of the
2 promissory note?	2 Sentinel structure entities.
3 A The same as the Dugaboy Investment Trust	3 Q But not Sentinel itself?
4 promissory note.	4 A No.
5 Q Were these the assets that Beecher	5 Q Were they directors of Sebastian Clark?
6 discussed with Mr. DiOrio in determining what to	6 A I have no idea.
7 value and what not to value?	7 Q Here Mr. Sevilla writes, "Gentlemen, are
8 MR. WELDON: Objection.	8 you available to review a matter for approval
9 THE WITNESS: We discussed with Mr. DiOrio	9 today? The matter relates to certain securities
10 the valuation of all investments in the portfolio.	10 held at Sentinel Reinsurance Ltd., a Cayman
11 BY MR. BURT:	11 Islands registered captive insurance company, that
12 Q Right.	12 Sentinel currently marks at zero and which
13 And certain investments were determined	13 Sentinel would propose to transfer to Sebastian
14 you all determined not to have value, is that	14 Clark for minimal consideration. My colleague
15 right?	15 Matt DiOrio, copied, is a director of Sentinel and
16 MR. WELDON: Objection.	16 will provide more detail in a subsequent e-mail."
17 THE WITNESS: It was not determined by	17 In this timeframe, the end of 2019, is
18 Beecher that any investments had no value, that	18 that about when Beecher also learned of the
19 was something that was told to us by Matt DiOrio.	19 potential transfer to Sebastian Clark?
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 A I don't think we were aware of this until
21 Q Did Beecher do anything independent to	21 after it happened.
22 confirm that they were worthless?	22 Q Oh, until after the transfer had been
23 A We had no way of confirming anything.	23 finalized?
24 Q So, no, no documents or information had	24 A Or at least until after the effective date
25 been provided from Sentinel or from any of the	25 of the transfer.
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1 transferring entities?	1 Q And if you look at if you just flip one
2 A Sentinel had no documents.	2 page further, the copy of the asset transfer
Q Do you know who controls Dugaboy	3 agreement, it is dated as of 31, December, 2019,
4 Investment?	4 which is the same date of J.P. Sevilla's e-mail,
5 A I do not.	5 is that right?
6 Q How about CLO Holdco?	6 A Yes.
7 A I do not.	7 Q The next e-mail up in the chain
8 Q Let's look in conjunction with this,	8 Matt DiOrio responds to the same individuals and
9 Exhibit 144?	9 says, 'These securities mentioned have been marked
10 (Document marked Exhibit 144 for	10 at zero since acquisition in August, 2017. We
11 identification.) 12 BY MR. BURT:	11 tried to have them valued by a third party but
	12 could not provide enough information to do so as
13 Q Showing you Exhibit 144, Bates BC	13 most are crisis era instruments that have been 14 worthless for close to a decade. Sentinel needs
14 SEN0000638619, which is a series of e-mail and 15 then another attachment of the asset transfer	15 them off the books to avoid a qualified opinion on
16 agreement.	16 its audit as CIMA has informed us it will no
17 I'd like to show you the first-in-time	17 longer accept such an opinion. Information for
18 e-mail from J.P. Sevilla on December 31, 2019.	18 the worthless positions is listed below."
19 And he e-mails here, John Cullinane, David	19 What's a qualified opinion on an audit?
20 Egglishaw, cc'ing Matt DiOrio and Katie Irving	20 A It's a type of audit opinion that is not
21 regarding Sebastian Clark Ltd Urgent.	21 clean.
22 Do you know who John Cullane and	
	177 O Meaning what exactive
	22 Q Meaning what exactly? 23 A That its modified for certain items
23 David Egglishaw were?	23 A That its modified for certain items
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1 statements.	1 transferred back from Sebastian Clark do they have
Q Do you know why having these assets on	2 a value now?
3 Sentinel's books would have led to a qualified	A Not to my knowledge.
4 opinion?	4 Q They have not been valued by anyone?
5 A Because the investments could not be	5 Do you know how they show up
6 valued whether favorably or unfavorably the	6 MS. REPORTER: I didn't get an answer, you
7 auditors were unable to opine that the assets were	7 shook your head.
8 fairly stated and therefore they caused	8 THE WITNESS: Sorry, no, they do not have
9 qualifications to the audit report.	9 any value assigned to them.
10 Q And Mr. DiOrio says that 'CIMA has	10 BY MR. BURT:
11 informed us that it will no longer accept such an	11 Q And no valuation has been done on them?
12 opinion," was that part of the CIMA review that	12 A That is correct.
13 had taken place in 2019 where they had said that?	13 Q Where do they show up in the financial
14 A That is correct.	14 statements?
15 Q If you go to the first page of the e-mail	15 A We haven't completed financial statements
16 chain on the same day David Egglishaw writes back	16 for November, 2021 yet.
17 to Matt saying, 'On behalf of Sebastian Clark Ltd	17 Q Do you have an idea of where they will
18 we hereby consent to the transfers listed below."	18 show up, how they will be accounted for?
19 And then a month later Matt DiOrio sends	19 A They will show up in the asset holding
20 along the signed APA and it says please execute on	20 schedule.
21 the Sebastian Clark side at your convenience and	21 Q And will values be assigned to them?
22 Mr. Cullinane responds with the attached fully	22 A They will have a value of 0 assigned to
23 executed agreement, and then which we can see	23 them unless we know otherwise.
24 here in the attachment on the last page. Do you	24 Q Is Beecher trying to obtain a valuation of
25 see that?	25 the assets?
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1 transactions and affairs of the company since the	1 debt that is owed by a creditor?			
2 last meeting of the directors on the 4th of August	2 A Not to my knowledge.			
3 2016 accordingly who's resolved that all acts of	3 MR. BURT: Christian, we are getting			
4 the directors and agents of the company taken on	4 really close, let us take five minutes to organize			
5 behalf of the company since 4 August 2016 being	5 things.			
6 hereby and are hereby approved and ratified.	6 MR. WELDON: Yes.			
7 So here it states that the directors	7 MR. BURT: If we can.			
8 hadn't met since the 4th of August, 2016 which is	8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the			
9 inconsistent with what it says on the first page	9 record, the time is 5:42.			
10 that there was an 8 December 2017 meeting. Do you	10 (Recess taken.)			
11 know what was going on there?	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on the record,			
12 A I do not know or recall what the	12 the time is 5:53.			
13 December 8, 2017 meeting reviewed. It may have	13 BY MR. BURT:			
14 been a brief meeting that may not have covered all	14 Q Mr. Adamczak, we are just about done here,			
15 of the items and had the catchall resolution to	15 a few final mop-up questions.			
16 approve all prior acts since the last meeting.				
	Looking at Exhibit 140 134, I wasn't reven close, 134, Page 9 of the investment holding			
17 Q Did Beecher write the minutes for the	18 statement for Sentinel Reinsurance from			
18 meetings?				
19 A Beecher as part of its captive management	19 November 30, 2020, we had looked earlier in the			
20 role would typically take minutes for the meetings	20 day that there were four investments that were			
21 and draft and then send those minutes to directors	21 prior to the 2017 ATE transfers and those are			
22 for review and commentary.	22 listed there, the Eastland, there was a			
23 Q On the first page in attendance	23 Greenbriar, there was a Greyson CLO, and then the			
24 J.P. Sevilla and Katie Irving for SAS Asset	24 Stratford CLO, is that right?			
25 Recovery are in attendance. Do you know why they	25 A That's correct.			
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3 members of the activities centering around	3 is that right?			
4 Sentinel.	4 A That is correct.			
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### Transcript of Thomas Adamczak, 30(b)(6)

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Conducted on April 12, 2022				
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1 A When the demand came through in early	1 BY MR. BURT:			
2 2021.	2 Q Well, that contradicts what you testified			
3 Q Has Beecher had conversations with the	3 to earlier where you said they were the ones			
4 directors about that?	4 ultimately calling the shots as ultimate			
5 A We have had limited conversations with the	5 beneficial owners.			
6 directors regarding it.	6 MR. WELDON: Objection, misstates earlier			
7 Q What have those conversations been?	7 testimony.			
8 A That there had been no resolution in the	8 THE WITNESS: I don't remember what I			
9 discussions, the settlement discussions or	9 said.			
10 negotiations, with UBS.	10 BY MR. BURT:			
11 Q And did the directors tell Beecher that	11 Q But you were testifying truthfully			
12 that was a reason to not pay on the policy	12 earlier, right?			
13 pursuant to the demand?	13 MR. WELDON: Objection.			
14 A They haven't given us a reason why there	14 THE WITNESS: I have been testifying			
15 has been no payment on the policy.	15 truthfully the entire time.			
16 Q Does Beecher take a position one way or	16 BY MR. BURT:			
17 another on whether the policy should be paid?	17 Q Do you know what Peak Ventures is?			
18 A Beecher is contracted with Sentinel to	18 A I have never heard of Peak Ventures.			
19 provide the management services and financials.	19 Q Referring to Dilip Massand, do you happen			
20 We are available to be consulted with should there	20 to know why he resigned from the board?			
21 need, we have had no consultation requests from	21 A We were not informed of the reasons why he			
22 the directors.	22 resigned.			
23 Q So Beecher is it fair to say that	23 Q Did that resignation come suddenly?			
24 Beecher is not aware of any reason why the claim	24 A It was sudden.			
25 has not been paid to date?	25 Q And no one explained why?			
302	304			
1 MR. WELDON: Objection.  THE WITNESS: Pagebox is not owere of any	1 A I believe the explanation that we had was			
2 THE WITNESS: Beecher is not aware of any	2 that he was no longer affiliated with Highland			
<ul><li>3 reasons why the claim has not been paid to date.</li><li>4 BY MR. BURT:</li></ul>	3 Capital.  A MR PURT: One final decompant this is the			
	4 MR. BURT: One final document, this is the			
5 Q We have seen some documents today that	5 final one and the shortest one.			
6 reference Sentinel's management. Do you know who	6 (Document marked Exhibit 145 for			
7 those whose referred to as Sentinel management	7 identification.)			
8 or the officers of Sentinel that would refer to?	8 BY MR. BURT:			
9 A In what way?	9 Q So this is an e-mail from Clayton Price to			
10 Q So we talked about the directors, right	10 you, Mr. Adamczak, in the end of April last year,			
11 A Yes.	11 2021. And the subject is Interesting to now learn			
12 Q on one hand, and there has been other	12 that Matt had been planning to also resign from			
13 references to the management at Sentinel.	13 Sentinel's board. Then he states, "And they			
Have you ever heard that term that	14 previously appointed counsel other than Dylan at			
15 Sentinel has management?	15 Carey Olsen my instinct tell me Matt likely			
16 A Yes. But I would take it to mean that the	16 knew/knows more about this demand now being			
17 management refers to those decision makers.	17 served." Do you recall this e-mail?			
18 Q Being whom?	18 A I do.			
19 A The directors of Sentinel.	19 Q What was the context of this e-mail?			

20 A This was at the time that the then current

21 directors were asked to resign from Sentinel.

Q And why was it interesting to learn that

24 A Because through previous discussions that

25 we had with him he had given us no indication that

23 Matt had been planning to resign?

20 Q And ultimately Dondero and Ellington?

23 them to make any or to direct any payments so I

THE WITNESS: I have not been requested by

MR. WELDON: Objection.

24 can't say that they are the ones calling any

21

25 shots.

Conducted on	April 12, 2022	
305		307
1 he was going to be resigning until that point.	1 MR. WELDON: And I understand your	
2 Q Do you know who asked the directors to	2 request. I have only a couple questions. If you	
3 resign?	3 are done I asked Mr. Feinstein, I don't think	
4 A I do not.	4 he has any, I am not aware of anyone else so I am	
5 Q What did you make of Clayton price's line	5 going to ask questions.	
6 that his instincts tells me Matt likely knows more	6 EXAMINATION	
7 about the demand for payment on the claim now	7 BY MR. WELDON:	
8 being served?	8 Q If you could look at Exhibit 137, I think	
9 A Say that again?	9 they are in order. And then 128 is the other one	
10 Q What did you take from Mr. Price's	10 I will need. If you guys want so you know what I	
11 statement that his instincts told him Matt knew	11 am looking at. We are going to do 137 first.	
12 more about the demand for claim payment that was	You testified about UBO, can you tell me	
13 being served?	13 what that term means again?	
14 A I would just be speculating if I	14 A Ultimate beneficial owner.	
15 Q Did you share those instincts that Matt	15 Q And you understood that UBOs in the	
16 knew more than he was letting on?	16 corporate structure diagram to be who on those	
17 A Yes.	17 two?	
18 Q Why is that?	18 A James Dondero and Scott Ellington.	
19 A Because it just seemed peculiar.	19 Q Have you ever had any discussions with	
20 Q What seemed peculiar?	20 Dondero or Ellington?	
21 A That he was resigning.	21 A Me personally, no.	
22 Q Last set of questions, in preparing for	22 Q Are you aware of any document that you	
23 this deposition did you have any contact with	23 have seen today or do you have a document where	
24 Sentinel's counsel?	24 you have seen that Dondero or Ellington made any	
25 A No.	25 decisions about anything relative to Sentinel	
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1 Q So that would be counsel at Foley Lardner	1 directly that you saw on a decision making basis?	
2 or Collas Crill?	2 A I have not.	
3 A Correct.	3 Q On one on Exhibit 137, if you look at	
4 Q How about with any of the former Highland	4 the top, you see Matt DiOrio's e-mail there.	
5 employees, Matt DiOrio?	5 A Yes.	
6 A No.	6 Q It says sasmgt.com, and you explained why	
7 Q Or J.P. Sevilla?	7 you understood that e-mail to be utilized in that	
8 A No.	8 fashion.	
9 Q Just worked with Mr. Weldon here to	9 Do you know who Matt aside from being	
10 prepare?	10 an internal director, which you testified about	
11 A That's correct.	11 with Sentinel, do you know who Matt DiOrio	
MR. BURT: Chris, I think there are still	12 specifically worked for and got paid by relative	
13 a few documents that weren't produced to us over	13 to his work?	
14 on the redaction, waiting to get.	14 A Not with certainty, no.	
15 MS. GEORGE: There is at least 30	15 Q In regards to all the testimony you	
16 invoices, not including	16 provided today are you aware of Matt DiOrio acting	
17 MR. WELDON: I know they are being worked	17 as anything but an internal director on his	
18 on, just follow-up on them.	18 direction to you?	
19 MR. BURT: We will follow-up on them. And	19 A On his direction to us, it was in his	
20 for that reason though I am just going to need to	20 canceity as an intermal director	
	20 capacity as an internal director.	
21 hold the deposition open pending	21 Q Because we have used the term coming from	
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<ul><li>21 hold the deposition open pending</li><li>22 MR. WELDON: I don't agree it is open I</li></ul>	21 Q Because we have used the term coming from 22 Highland Capital, do you have any direct knowledge	

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1 Q I want to look at Exhibit 128.	1 Q Do you know what the basis of that		
2 We talked about these scenarios that Jason	2 restraining order is?		
3 Stubbs had put together.	3 A I do not.		
4 A Yes.	4 Q But there was some clarification on what		
5 Q And there were scenarios in these	5 could be paid?		
6 scenarios in these three there were	6 A Correct.		
7 situations in these three scenarios in which	7 Q Is that correct?		
8 Sentinel took the premium places policy they would	8 A Correct.		
9 have a favorable outcome in the premium they took	9 Q And you looked is it fair to say you		
10 and a beneficial benefit to the company, is that	10 looked to the directors, the current directors of		
11 correct?	11 Sentinel, to understand their interpretation of		
12 A That's correct. In each of the scenarios	12 that clarification?		
13 there were two options that would have resulted in	13 A The current directors are aware of that		
14 very little payout or no payment.	14 restraining order and would direct us to pay		
15 Q So in that regard, only that regard, I am	15 invoices or to process invoices so that they could		
16 not talking about any other aspect of it, was the	16 release them as deemed appropriate.		
17 policy any different than any other policy when	17 Q Okay.		
18 you get scenarios when you have this actuary done	18 MR. WELDON: I don't have any other		
19 in regards to how that policy was going to respond	19 questions at this point.		
20 and whether it was a policy that should be placed.	20 MR. BURT: Just a little redirect.		
21 A No. This is similar to many policies that	21		
22 we have seen in the past.	22 FURTHER EXAMINATION		
23 Q Was there any action that Beecher took in	23 BY MR. BURT:		
24 regards to what it has done for Sentinel	24 Q Your counsel, Mr. Adamczak, just asked you		
25 throughout its time as the captive manager that	25 a few questions about the UBOs, the ultimate		
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1 wasn't at the direction of the directors?	1 beneficial owners of Sentinel. Do you recall		
2 A No. Beecher did not have the capacity to	2 those questions?		
3 be able to do that. Everything was approved and	3 A Yes.		
4 directed by the directors, whether independent or	4 Q I am going to read to you from the		
5 internal.	5 transcript from earlier today at Pages 17, line		
6 Q When you talk about internal, the internal	6 Page 17, Line 14 through Page 18 Line 1, quote		
7 directors that you dealt with over the time was	7 MR. WELDON: Let me just get it up, give		
8 DiOrio?	8 me a second. What is the line?		
9 A Matt DiOrio and Dilip Massand.	9 MR. BURT: Page 17, Line 14.		
10 Q J.P. was not an internal director to your	10 BY MR. BURT:		
11 knowledge?	11 Q I did a search in the realtime, you can		
12 A J.P. was never a director of Sentinel.	12 scroll up.		
13 Q That report that CIMA did and asked for a	13 MR. WELDON: Go ahead.		
14 number of things that were needed to be done by	14 BY MR. BURT:		
15 Sentinel, are you aware of anything that hadn't	15 Q ''Q You stated a moment ago that the		
16 been met at CIMA's request following that	16 ultimate the role of an ultimate beneficial		
17 inspection report?	17 owner is that they are the person who ultimately		
18 A No.	18 calls the shots for the captive. Is that true		
19 Sentinel followed through with all of	19 with respect to Mr. Dondero and Ellington and		
20 their requests compliant with every piece of	20 Sentinel that they are the ones ultimately calling		
21 documentation so that they could continue with a	21 the shots for Sentinel?"		
22 clean bill of health to continue operating.	22 "MR. Weldon: Objection."		
23 Q And there is that order, that restraining	23 "MR. BURT: You can answer."		
24 order that came out?	24 "MR. WELDON: You may answer."		
25 A Yes.	25 'THE WITNESS: To the best of our		

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1	knowledge that is correct."	1	STATE OF ILLINOIS)	
2	That was the question that you were asked		) SS.	
3	and that was the answer that you gave earlier	2	COUNTY OF DUPAGE )	
4	today, isn't that right?	3	I, STEPHANIE A. BATTAGLIA, CSR and	
5	A That's correct.	4	Notary Public in and for the County of DuPage and	
6	Q And you also said that you hadn't seen any	5	State of Illinois, do hereby certify that on	
7	documents where Messrs Dondero and Ellington were	6	April 12, 2022, at 9:06 a.m., at 156 College	
8	making decisions.	7	Street, Suite 301, Burlington, Vermont the	
9	I would like to pull up Exhibit 116 again	8	deponent THOMAS ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6) personally	
10	and go to the second attachment, which is the	9	appeared before me.	
	Sentinel Advisory Committee discussions signed by	10	I further certify that the said THOMAS	
	Mr. Ellington, recording member, do you see that?	11	ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6) was by me first duly sworn to	
13			testify and that the foregoing is a true record of	
14			the testimony given by the witness.	
	today?	14	I further certify that the deposition was	
			terminated at 6:19 p.m.	
16		16	I further certify that I am not counsel	
17			for nor related to any of the parties herein, nor	
	committee discussions were never provided to		am I interested in the outcome hereof.	
	Beecher?	19	In witness whereof, I have hereunto set	
20			my hand and seal of office this of April,	
21			2022.	
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24	deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are going off	24	Notary Public	
25	the record at 6:19 p.m.	25	CSR No. 084-003337 - Expiration Date: 5/31/2023	
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1	(End of videotaped proceedings.)			
2	MS. REPORTER: You are getting a rough			
3	draft and five-day delivery.			
4	MR. BURT: Yes.			
5	MR. WELDON: And we will read and sign,			
6	right?			
7	MS. REPORTER: Do you get a rough draft as			
8	well?			
9	MR. WELDON: They are paying.			
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